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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
JACKSON DIVISION

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~~SAMUEL BAILEY~~, ~~JOSEPH BROADWATER~~ and
~~BURNETT L. JACOB~~, on behalf of them-
selves and others similarly situated,)

MISS.

Plaintiffs,)

CIVIL ACTION

v.)

NO. 3133

JOE T. PATTERSON, Attorney General of
the State of Mississippi, Jackson,
Mississippi, etc., et al.,)

Defendants:)

MOTION FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION

Plaintiffs, upon the annexed complaint, move this Court for a temporary injunction, pending the final disposition of this cause, and as grounds therefor rely upon the allegations of their complaint and show the following:

1. Plaintiffs' constitutional rights to be free from enforced segregation on interstate and intrastate carriers and in the use of bus, railroad and airline terminal facilities in the City of Jackson and State of Mississippi are being violated by the statutes, ordinances, policy, practice, custom, and usage complained of in the complaint.

2. Plaintiffs have a constitutional right to be free from arrest or threat of arrest in the exercise of their rights and cannot be required by state law, policy, custom or usage to submit to such arrest, fines or imprisonment.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray that this Court will take the necessary steps to convene a three judge court as required by Title 28 U. S. C. 2284, and will advance this case on the docket and order a speedy hearing of this action, and will grant a preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining the defendant and each of them, their agents, employees, attorneys, successors and all persons in active concert and participation with them, from:

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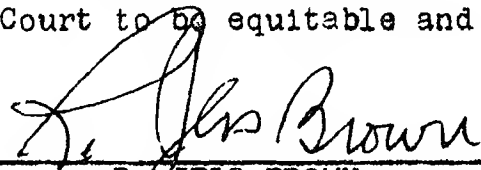
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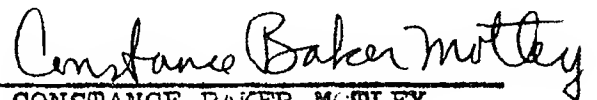
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v.

CIVIL ACTION
NO.

JOE T. PATTERSON, Attorney General of
the State of Mississippi, etc., et al.,

Defendants.

Preliminary Statement

This suit seeks a temporary injunction enjoining defendants from continuing to enforce certain statutes of the State of Mississippi requiring racial segregation in dining room, waiting room and rest room facilities maintained by common carriers, to wit: Title 11, §§ 2351, 2351.5 and 2351.7; Title 28, §§ 7784, 7785, 7786, 7786-C1, 7787, 7787.5 of Miss. Code Ann. 1952 and any other statutes of the State of Mississippi requiring and permitting such segregation; from continuing to enforce ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi requiring such racial segregation; from continuing to enforce a policy, practice, custom or usage, under color of state law, or city ordinance, of segregating Negro and white passengers on common carriers and with respect to the use of the facilities and services of depots, stations or terminals owned and/or utilized by such carriers for the business of transporting interstate or intrastate passengers for hire; from continuing

to enforce a policy, practice, custom or usage of segregation in the facilities and services of the Jackson Municipal Airport.

Plaintiffs submit the following memorandum of points and authorities in support of the motion for temporary injunction.

- I. It Is Beyond The Constitutional Competence Of The State To Command That Any Facility Either Shall Be Labeled As Or Reserved For The Exclusive Or Preferred Use Of One Rather Than The Other Of The Races.

Baldwin v. Morgan, 287 F.2d 750 (C.A. 5, 1961)

- II. A State May Not Compel Segregation In The Use Or Maintenance Of Facilities Connected With Transportation Where The Criteria Is Race Or Color.

Baldwin v. Morgan, supra.

- III. A Railroad Terminal Is Constitutionally Forbidden From Posting Signs And Maintaining Separate Waiting Rooms On The Basis Of Color.

Baldwin v. Morgan, supra.

- IV. Negroes Engaged In Interstate Or Intrastate Commerce Have A Constitutional Right To Be Free From Discrimination By Police Officers On The Basis Of Race.

Baldwin v. Morgan, supra.

- V. State Statutes And City Ordinances Requiring Segregation Of White And Colored Races On The Common Carriers Of A City Violate The Due Process And Equal Protection Clauses Of The Fourteenth Amendment.

Browder v. Gayle, 142 F. Supp. 707 (D.C. M.D. Ala. 1956), aff'd 352 U.S. 903

- VI. Segregation By A State On The Ground Of Race In Terminal Facilities Which Are An Integral Part Of The Common Carriers Interstate Transportation Operation Violates The Laws Of The United States.

Boynton v. Virginia, ____ U.S. ____, 5 L.Ed. 2d 206 (1960)

VII. Segregation On The Grounds Of Race In The Use Of
Airport Waiting Room Or Restaurant Facilities
Violates The Fourteenth Amendment.

Henry v. Greenville Airport Commission,
279 F.2d 751 (C.A. 4, 1960)

Coke v. City of Atlanta, 184 F. Supp. 579
(D.C. N.D. Ga. 1960)

VIII. A District Court Has No Discretion To Deny Relief
By Temporary Injunction To A Person Who Clearly
Establishes By Undisputed Evidence That He Is Being
Denied A Constitutional Right.

Henry v. Greenville Airport Commission,
284 F.2d 631 (C.A. 4, 1960)

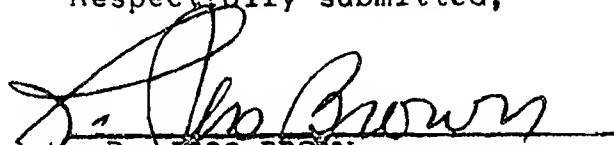
Bush v. Orleans Parish School Board, et al.,
187 F. Supp. 42 (D.C. E.D. La. 1960)


Tureaud v. Board of Supervisors, 116 F. Supp.
248 (D.C. E.D. La. 1953)

Wilson v. Board of Supervisors, 92 F. Supp.
986 (D.C. E.D. La. 1950)

Ludley v. Board of Supervisors, 150 F. Supp.
900 (D.C. E.D. La. 1957)

Respectfully submitted,


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and

THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, a Munici-
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Serve: Allen C. Thompson, Mayor of City
of Jackson,

and
ALLEN C. THOMPSON, Mayor of the City of
Jackson, Mississippi,

and
DOUGLAS L. LUCKY, Commissioner of the City
of Jackson and THOMAS B. MARSHALL, Com-
missioner of the City of Jackson, Missis-
sippi,

and
W. D. RAYFIELD, Chief of Police in the
City of Jackson, Mississippi,

and
CONTINENTAL SOUTHERN LINES, INC., Serve:
J.T. Vickers, 201 East Pascagoula Street,
Jackson, Mississippi,

and
SOUTHERN GREYHOUND LINES, a division of
GREYHOUND Corp. Serve: Everett Renegar,
219 No. Lamar Street, Jackson, Mississippi,

and
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD, INC., Serve:
H. T. Lewis, or any other agent, at
Illinois Central Passenger Station,
300 W. Capitol Street, Jackson, Missis-
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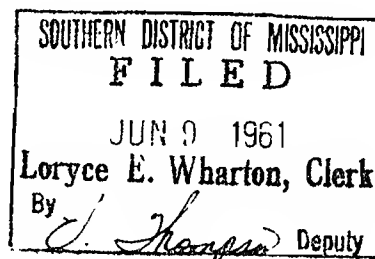
and
JACKSON CITY LINES, Inc. Serve: Alton
B. Smith, 800 West Monument Street,
Jackson, Mississippi,

and
CICERO CARR, Serve: Cicero Carr at
Cicero's Airport Restaurant, Jackson
Municipal Airport, Jackson, Mississippi,

Defendants

CIVIL ACTION

NO 3133



C O M P L A I N T

1. The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to provisions of Title 28, United States Code, Section 1343(3). This action is authorized by law, Title 42, United States Code, Section 1983. This action is brought to redress the deprivation of rights, privileges and immunities secured to plaintiffs by the Constitution and laws of the United States [due process and equal protection clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment and Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3, the Commerce Clause of the Constitution and Title 49, United States Code, Section 3(1) (Railroad and Pipeline Carriers) and Section 316(d) (Motor Carriers)]. Plaintiffs have been deprived of these rights, privileges and immunities by the defendants while acting under color of state statutes, city ordinances, state custom and state usage, as hereinafter more fully appears.

2. The jurisdiction of this Court is also invoked pursuant to provisions of Title 28, United States Code, Section 2281 and Section 2284. This is an action to enjoin the enforcement of certain statutes of the State of Mississippi requiring racial segregation on common carriers, and in waiting room and rest room facilities utilized by common carriers, and providing criminal penalties for carriers and persons refusing to abide by such segregation. The statutes sought to be enjoined are Title 11, Sections 2351, 2351.5 and 2351.7, and Title 28, §§7784, 7785, 7786, 7786-01, 7787, 7787.5, Mississippi Code Annotated (1952).

3. This is a proceeding for a preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining defendants and each of them, their agents, employees, attorneys, successors and all persons in active concert and participation with them from:

a) continuing to enforce certain statutes of the State of Mississippi requiring racial segregation on common carriers, in waiting rooms used by common carriers, and rest room facilities maintained by common carriers, i.e., Title 11, Sections 2351, 2351.5 and 2351.7, and Title 28, §§7784, 7785, 7786, 7786-01, 7787, 7787.5, Mississippi Code Annotated (1952) and any other statute of the State of Mississippi requiring or permitting such segregation.

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d) continuing to enforce a policy, practice, custom and usage of segregation in the facilities and services of the Jackson Municipal Airport including but not limited to the airport restaurant owned and operated by the City of Jackson or owned and leased by the City of Jackson to a private individual for the benefit of airline passengers and the general public.

e) continuing to arrest, harass, intimidate, threaten or coerce the plaintiffs and members of their class in connection with the exercise of their federally protected right to use interstate and intrastate transportation facilities and services without segregation or discrimination against them solely because of race and color.

4. This is a class action brought by the plaintiffs on behalf of themselves and on behalf of other Negroes similarly situated and affected by the statutes, ordinances, policies, practices, customs, regulations and usages complained of herein. This class action is brought pursuant to provisions of Rule 23(a) (3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The members of the class on whose behalf plaintiffs sue are too numerous to be brought individually before this Court, but there are common questions of law and fact involved, common grievances arising out of common wrongs, and a common relief is sought for each plaintiff and for each member of the class, as hereinafter more fully appears. The named plaintiffs fairly and adequately represent the members of the class on behalf of which they sue.

5. The plaintiffs are: Samuel Bailey, Joseph Broadwater, and Burnett L. Jacob. Each plaintiff is an adult Negro citizen of the United States and of the State of Mississippi, presently residing in Jackson, Mississippi.

6. The defendants in this case are: Joe T. Patterson, Attorney General of the State of Mississippi, the chief law enforcement officer of the State; the City of Jackson, a municipal corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi; Allen C. Thompson, Mayor of the City of Jackson and chief law enforcement officer of the City; Douglas L. Lucky, a commissioner of the City of Jackson; Thomas B. Marshall, a commissioner of the City of Jackson; W. D. Rayfield, Chief of Police of the City of Jackson; Continental Southern Lines, Inc., also known as Continental Trailways, a Louisiana corporation doing business in Jackson, Mississippi, an interstate motor carrier; Southern Greyhound Lines, a division of Greyhound Corporation, an Illinois corporation doing business in Jackson, Mississippi, an interstate motor carrier; Jackson City Lines, Inc., a Mississippi corporation organized and existing under

the laws of the State of Mississippi, an intrastate motor carrier doing business in the City of Jackson, Mississippi; Illinois Central Railroad Company, Inc., an Illinois corporation doing business in the State of Mississippi, an interstate railroad carrier.

7. Plaintiffs allege, on information and belief, that Continental Southern Lines, Inc., owns and/or operates the Trailways bus depot located at 201^{E.}/~~P~~ascagoula Street in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and utilizes this depot in connection with its business of transporting interstate and intrastate motor passengers for hire.

8. Plaintiffs allege, on information and belief, that the Greyhound Corporation owns and/or operates the Greyhound bus depot located at 219 No. Lamar Street in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and utilizes said depot in connection with its business of transporting interstate and intrastate motor passengers for hire.

9. Plaintiffs allege, on information and belief, that defendant Jackson City Lines, Inc., maintains an office at 800 West Monument Street in the City of Jackson.

10. Plaintiffs allege, on information and belief, that the Illinois Central Railroad Company, Inc., owns and/or operates the Illinois Central Passenger Station located at 300 West Capitol Street in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and utilizes said station in connection with its business of transporting interstate and intrastate passengers for hire.

11. Plaintiffs allege that the Jackson Municipal Airport Terminal is owned and operated by the defendant City of Jackson and that the defendant Douglas L. Lucky, Commissioner of the City of Jackson, has direct supervision and control over the said airport and its terminal. Plaintiffs allege that the rest rooms at said terminal are segregated and that Negroes are denied service

upon the same terms and conditions applicable to white persons in the airport terminal restaurant. Plaintiffs allege, on information and belief, that the City of Jackson has leased to one Cicero Carr, an individual, the space in the airport terminal allotted for a restaurant facility and that this restaurant facility is operated by said individual under said lease for the use and benefit of airlines passengers and the general public using the airport..

12. Plaintiffs allege that defendant Joe Patterson, as Attorney General of the State of Mississippi, is under a duty to enforce Title 11, §§2351, 2351.5 and 2351.7 and Title 28, §§7784, 7785, 7786, 7786-01, 7787 and 7787.5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1952), and threatens to enforce such laws against plaintiffs and the defendant carriers if said laws are violated by the plaintiffs or the defendant carriers. Plaintiffs allege that these statutes (requiring separate railroad cars, separate partititons on busses, separate rest room facilities, separate waiting rooms, and the posting of signs designating the separate facilities assigned to the Negro race and the separate facilities assigned to the white race) are unconstitutional on their face.

13. Plaintiffs allege that each defendant carrier is enforcing segregation of white and Negro passengers transported by it on its transportation facility and is enforcing segregation in the depots, stations, or terminals owned and/or operated by each carrier and utilized by it, pursuant to the requirements of the statutes set forth above.

14. Plaintiffs allege that the defendant city officials are under a duty to uphold and enforce the provisions of a city ordinance requiring segregation in waiting rooms and rest rooms maintained by common carriers (ordinance adopted January 12, 1956 and recorded in Minute Book "FF" p. 149). Plaintiffs allege that this ordinance is unconstitutional on its face. These defendants have threatened to enforce this ordinance against the

plaintiffs and members of their class if they violate said ordinance.

15. Plaintiffs allege that the defendants, and each of them, acting under color of the laws of the State of Mississippi, referred to herein, and under color of the ordinance of the City of Jackson, referred to herein, have pursued and are presently pursuing a policy, practice, custom and usage of segregating Negro and white persons on all common carriers in the State of Mississippi, in all depots, stations and terminals utilized by common carriers in the State of Mississippi, including the waiting room, rest room, and restaurant facilities of the airport terminal in Jackson, Mississippi.

16. Plaintiffs and members of their class have suffered and shall continue to suffer irreparable injury as a result of the enforcement or threat of enforcement of the state statutes referred to herein, the city ordinance referred to herein, and the policy, practice, custom and usage complained of herein, until such irreparable injury is enjoined by this Court. The plaintiffs have no other speedy or adequate remedy at law to redress the deprivation of rights, privileges and immunities complained of herein. Any other remedy to which the plaintiffs might be remitted would be attended by such uncertainty and delay as to result in further irreparable injury and would lead to frustration and vexation of the plaintiffs and the defendants as public officials and public carriers.

17. The segregation complained of herein subjects plaintiff and members of their class to daily public inconveniences, harassment, and embarrassment, violates rights secured to plaintiffs and members of their class by the due process and equal protection clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution and Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 (Commerce Clause) of the Federal Constitution and by the laws of the United States, Title 49, §§3(1) and 316(d).

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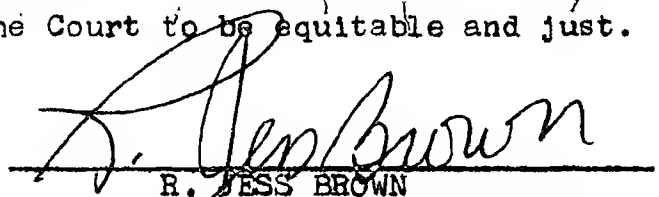
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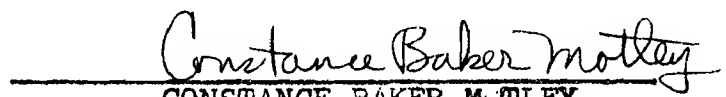
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Freedom Riders - Misc.

The nine freedom riders who were arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, on 6/21/61, were convicted on 6/22/61. Each was sentenced to serve four months in jail and was fined \$200.

One hundred forty freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson since 5/24/61. Forty-four have been released on bond, four have been released upon payment of fines and 92 remain in custody. All freedom riders in the Jackson City Jail and the Hinds County Jail are eating.

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The Jackson police arrested seven Negroes at the Jackson Municipal Zoo on 6/22/61 when they failed to comply with police instructions that they move. All were charged with breach of the peace. The police had received a complaint from a white woman that a Negro couple had pushed her small son away from a drinking fountain, and a Negro couple had been observed "hugging and kissing." Trial is tentatively scheduled for 6/23/61.

[redacted] Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), New Orleans, advised on 6/22/61 that five freedom riders arrived in New Orleans by airplane from Los Angeles on 6/22/61, and one freedom rider arrived by airplane from Tucson, Arizona, on 6/22/61. Ten freedom riders from San Francisco are scheduled to arrive in New Orleans by train at 5:30 p.m., 6/23/61. These sixteen freedom riders plan to leave New Orleans at 7:10 a.m., 6/25/61, by Illinois Central Railroad train, City of New Orleans, to arrive at Jackson, Mississippi, 10:20 a.m., 6/25/61.

The group of ten rabbi and minister freedom riders who were arrested at Tallahassee, Florida, on 6/16/61 were convicted on 6/22/61. Each was sentenced to serve 60 days in jail or pay a \$500 fine.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
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- 1 - Mr. Evans

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

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[redacted] one of three Tallahassee residents who were arrested with the freedom riders on 6/16/61, was sentenced to serve five days in jail and was also sentenced to pay a \$200 fine or serve an additional 60 days in jail. She was also sentenced to serve 30 days of a 60-day suspended sentence previously imposed upon her in connection with a local sit-in demonstration. The freedom riders were charged with unlawful assembly. [redacted] was charged with unlawful assembly, resisting arrest and interfering with a police officer.

Each of the eleven persons convicted at Tallahassee was released 6/22/61 on \$1,000 bond and defense attorneys announced that they will take an immediate direct appeal to the Florida Supreme Court. The ten freedom riders left Tallahassee by airplane at 11:47 p.m., EST, 6/22/61, for New York via Jacksonville. (Two may come to Washington instead of New York from Jacksonville.)

Charges were dismissed against [redacted] *Fla*
[redacted] the other Tallahassee residents who were arrested with the freedom riders on 6/16/61.

Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington, D. C., Chapter, CORE, advised that CORE plans a "march" in Washington on 7/4/61. It is anticipated that approximately 200 people will take part in this demonstration, but definite plans have not yet been made.

Three freedom riders are still scheduled to proceed to Tallahassee from Washington, D. C., by Eastern Air Lines, departing from Washington at 5:45 p.m. and arriving at Tallahassee at 10:46 p.m., 6/23/61.

ACTION

A memorandum is being prepared for the Attorney General.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS

*FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC.*SYNOPSIS

Nine freedom riders proceeded from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi, 6/21/61, and were arrested at Jackson.

One hundred forty freedom riders arrested at Jackson since 5/24/61. Forty-four released on bond, four released after paying fines and 92 remain in custody.

MISC
[redacted] freedom rider arrested at Jackson, 6/2/61, has filed a writ of habeas corpus.

At a hearing on [redacted] writ, U. S. District Court, Biloxi, Mississippi, 6/21/61, the City of Jackson alleged action was premature as remedies in State Court had not been exhausted. Counsel for [redacted] argued no assistance could be expected in State Court. Decision to be rendered by 6/27/61.

Four freedom riders from Los Angeles to arrive at New Orleans, 6/22/61, will be joined by ten freedom riders from San Francisco, arriving 6/23/61, and both groups will proceed to Jackson, probably on 6/26/61.

San Francisco press has reported [redacted] proceeding to New Orleans with freedom riders. One [redacted] allegedly was a member of Socialist Workers Party from February, 1959, to May, 1960.

Rabbis and ministers arrested at Tallahassee airport 6/16/61 are scheduled for trial 6/22/61.

Eight rabbis and ministers returned to Tallahassee 6/21/61. Restaurant at airport closed but two white clergymen entered colored rest room without incident.

Prior to arrival of the above group in Tallahassee, Sheriff's Office advised restaurant would be closed.

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If the restaurant had been opened and if the group had demanded service, arrests would have been made by the Sheriff's Office to bring a test case into county court. Prior arrests were made by Tallahassee police.

Florida Civil Liberties Union has retained four attorneys to represent the freedom riders at Tallahassee. It has been indicated they will allege the Tallahassee police were without jurisdiction at the airport which lies outside the city limits although it is city-owned. It is also anticipated the defense will challenge the constitutionality of the unlawful assembly statute under which arrests were made.

Trial of three freedom riders arrested at Ocala, Florida, 6/16/61, scheduled for 6/21/61, has been postponed until 7/5/61.

Seventy persons attended CORE meeting at Washington, D. C., 6/20/61. The following transpired:

It was stated freedom ride from Washington, D. C., to Tallahassee, Florida, had been rescheduled from 6/20/61 to 6/23/61, at the request of CORE National Headquarters in order to postpone the trip until after the trial of freedom riders at Tallahassee, 6/22/61.

Primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss "Operation Vacation in Jail." This plan, still in formative stage, would send as many as possible from Washington for a one-week southern tour starting 7/1/61. All arrested would stay in jail as long as possible.

A committee was established to investigate discrimination in employment, particularly hiring practices of the Hecht Company and the Hahn Shoe Store. Committee also established to determine whether discrimination is practiced at the Levitt housing development at Bel Air, Maryland.

It was stated the next national project of CORE will be the picketing of Federal buildings throughout the country 7/4/61, but this will occur only if the Interstate Commerce Commission has not ordered desegregation of all interstate transportation facilities. All offices being advised.

ACTION.

Memorandum to the Attorney General being prepared.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

DETAILS

Nine freedom riders proceeded from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi, by Trailways bus on 6/21/61 and were arrested at 6:15 p.m. when they entered the white waiting room in the bus terminal at Jackson and refused to leave. They will probably be tried 6/22/61.

One hundred forty freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson since 5/24/61. Forty-four have been released on bond, four have been released upon the payment of fines and 92 remain in custody. All of those in custody at the Jackson City Jail and the Hinds County Jail are eating.

[redacted] a freedom rider who was arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, 6/2/61, filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in U. S. District Court, Biloxi, Mississippi. At a hearing before U. S. District Judge S. C. Mize on 6/21/61, the City of Jackson alleged that the action was premature in that the petitioner had not exhausted remedies available in State Court. Counsel for [redacted] maintained that his client could hope for no assistance from the Mississippi State Courts and therefore the filing of a petition in Federal Court was in order. Judge Mize took the matter under consideration to render a decision by 6/27/61. [redacted] is still incarcerated.

[redacted] Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), New Orleans, advised on 6/21/61 that four freedom riders were to arrive in New Orleans from Los Angeles by airplane on the morning of 6/22/61, and that ten freedom riders left San Francisco on the morning of 6/21/61 by Southern Pacific train, Sunset Limited, to arrive in New Orleans, 6/23/61. The two groups will be joined in New Orleans and will proceed to Jackson, Mississippi, probably on 6/26/61.

The local press in San Francisco has reported on 6/20/61 that [redacted] was among a group of freedom riders who were proceeding to New Orleans. Information has previously been received to the effect that one [redacted] was a member of the Oakland-Berkeley Socialist Workers Party from February, 1959, to May, 1960, at which time he dropped out due to political differences with some of the other members.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Trial of the rabbis and ministers who were arrested at the Tallahassee airport on 6/16/61 is scheduled for 6/22/61. Eight of the defendants arrived in Tallahassee by airplane on 6/21/61. The restaurant at the airport had been closed prior to their arrival. Two white clergymen in the group entered the colored rest room but there was no incident.

Prior to the arrival of the above group in Tallahassee, Chief Deputy [] Leon County Sheriff's Office, Tallahassee, advised that the restaurant would be closed prior to the arrival of the rabbis and ministers. He also stated that if the restaurant should be opened when they arrive and if the group should seek service, they would be requested to leave the premises under the provisions of Florida Statute 509.141 of the Hotel and Restaurant Commission Regulations which states that the owner of a restaurant has the right to refuse service to any individual. [] also stated that if the group should remain in the lobby for an unreasonable length of time and refuse to move on, they might be arrested on charges of unlawful assembly by the Tallahassee police.

Ed Hill, Tallahassee City Prosecutor, has advised that the Sheriff's Office was designated to handle any arrests in the airport restaurant so that a test case could be brought before the Leon County Court, Tallahassee. Hill also stated he has been informed that []

[] Miami attorneys, have been retained by the Florida Civil Liberties Union to represent the freedom riders at their trial in Tallahassee. Hill believes that the Miami attorneys will allege that the Tallahassee police had no jurisdiction at the airport which lies outside the city limits although it is city-owned property. Hill also anticipates that the defense will challenge the constitutionality of the statute pertaining to unlawful assembly under which the arrests were made.

[] freedom riders who were with the so-called union and professional group which originated at Washington, D. C., and who were arrested at the bus station in Ocala, Florida, 6/16/61, were scheduled for trial at Ocala, 6/21/61. Trial has been postponed to 7/5/61. They are charged with failure to obey the order of a police officer who told them they could not eat at the bus station restaurant and who asked them to leave.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Information has been received that the Washington, D. C., Chapter of CORE held a meeting 6/20/61. Approximately 70 persons were present. Julius W. Hobson, President of the Chapter, reportedly stated that the freedom riders who were to leave Washington, D. C., for Tallahassee, Florida, 6/20/61, has rescheduled their trip for 6/23/61 at the request of CORE National Headquarters. It was desired to postpone the trip until after the trial of the freedom riders at Tallahassee on 6/22/61, but it was stated that the trip will be made on 6/23/61 regardless of the outcome of the trial.

The primary purpose of the CORE meeting at Washington was to discuss "Operation Vacation in Jail," under which as many members of the Washington, D. C., Chapter as possible will depart from Washington, 7/1/61, for one week's travel through the southern states. All of those arrested will stay in jail as long as possible before returning to Washington. Plans for this operation are still in the formative stage.

The CORE meeting established a committee to investigate discrimination in employment with emphasis being placed upon the hiring practices of the Hecht Company and the Hahn Shoe Store. A housing committee was established to determine whether discrimination is being practiced at the Levitt housing development, Bel Air, Maryland.

It was also reported that Hobson informed the meeting that the next national project of CORE will be a nationwide picketing demonstration on 7/4/61 if the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) has not ordered all interstate transportation companies to desegregate their facilities. If this project is put into effect, the Washington Chapter of CORE will picket the ICC offices in Washington for two hours, and Federal buildings throughout the country will be picketed. Hobson emphasized that these plans were contingent upon the action taken by the ICC. This information is being brought to the attention of all offices.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *from*

DATE: 6/27/61

FROM : ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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SUBJECT: FREEBUS

Freedom Riders - misc

With reference to the meeting of various organizations promoting freedom rides scheduled to be held this afternoon in the Negro Masonic Temple, Jackson, Mississippi, ASAC Sylvester of the New Orleans Office has been telephonically instructed to advise appropriate state and local authorities of this meeting.

ASAC Sylvester was further instructed to keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments in this regard.

His attention was also directed to the fact that a hearing is scheduled to be held in Biloxi, Mississippi, today in connection with the petition filed on behalf of for a writ of habeas corpus.

Sylvester was instructed to keep the bureau advised of all pertinent developments concerning this hearing.

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 FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)
 SUBJECT : FREEDOM RIDE, 1961
 RM; CR

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letter-head memorandum concerning complaint received that Freedom Riders in jail are not receiving mail. The complainant was advised that the FBI was not responsible for the administration of the local jails in the State of Mississippi and that if the matter about which he was complaining did constitute a violation of the Postal Laws, he should take up the matter with the Post Office Department.

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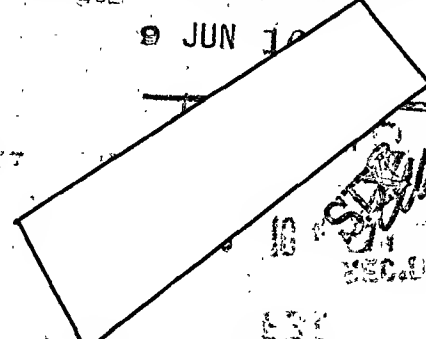
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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

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On June 12, 1961, [redacted] of the Nashville Non-Violent Movement of Nashville, Tennessee, and the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) telephonically contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Resident Agency at Jackson, Mississippi, and advised that the Freedom Riders presently under arrest and incarcerated at Jackson, Mississippi, were not receiving all of the mail which was being sent to them. [redacted] stated that it was his desire to have one of the Freedom Riders designated to receive all of the mail and deliver it to the others.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEWARK FREEDOM RIDERS
FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-246/ 1 P MISC.

QUOTE FREEBUS UNQUOTE, RACIAL MATTERS, CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. RE
INTERFAITH GROUP UNDER ARREST TALLAHASSEE, FLA. AFTER LEAVING
TALLAHASSEE JAIL ENTIRE GROUP STOPPED COUPLE LOCAL CHURCHES AND
THEN PROCEEDED TO AIRPORT. EIGHT MEMBERS OF GROUP BOOKED PASSAGE
NAL FLIGHT THREE SIX TWO AND DEPARTED APPROXIMATELY THREE THIRTYFIVE
P.M. DUE TO ARRIVE JACKSONVILLE, FLA., FOUR FIFTEEN P.M. FINAL
DESTINATION TO BE NEWARK, N. J. COUPLE UNIDENTIFIED TALLAHASSEE
COLORED CITIZENS PRESENT AT TALLAHASSEE AIRPORT WITH GROUP AND
TALLAHASSEE POLICE ARE SURVEILLING THIS GROUP. CITY COMMISSIONER,
FHP AND GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ALERTED AND EIGHT OR SEVEN POLICE
CRUISERS WENT TO TALLAHASSEE AIRPORT. NO TESTS MADE OF AIRPORT
FACILITIES, HOWEVER, PREPARATIONS WERE MADE TO CLOSE FACILITIES
IF TEST HAD BEEN MADE. TWO OF GROUP, NAMELY, [REDACTED]
REMAINED TALLAHASSEE AND IN COMPANY OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EFFORTS BEING MADE TO DETERMINE GROUP-S PLANS UPON

ARRIVAL JACKSONVILLE AND ANTICIPATED DEPARTURE TIME FROM NEWARK.
BUREAU AND NEWARK WILL BE ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC PHOENIX

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-264 1P

FREEBUS, RM, CR. [REDACTED]

CORE, NEW ORLEANS, STATES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEGRO MALE FROM TUSCON, ARIZONA, ARRIVING NEW ORLEANS NINE
FIFTY AM JUNE TWENTY FOUR NEXT ON EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT TWO ZERO
THREE TO JOIN GROUP OF FREEDOM RIDERS FROM NEW ORLEANS TO JACKSON
MISS. PHOENIX CHECK INDEX, SUTEL NEW ORLEANS AND FOLLOW WITH LETTER-

HEAD MEMO SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION IF SUBVERSIVE INFORMATION

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At 1:00 a.m., SAC D. K. Brown, Jacksonville, advised that the ten rabbis and ministers who stood trial at Tallahassee, 6/22/61, departed from Tallahassee at 11:47 p.m., EST, 6/22/61, by National Airlines to Jacksonville and were waiting in Jacksonville for a connecting flight north scheduled to leave at 2:40 a.m., 6/23/61. They arrived in Jacksonville at 12:36 a.m.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*

DATE: 6/22/61

FROM : *Chapman*

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At 2:38 a.m., SAC D. K. Brown, Jacksonville Office,
 was requested to ascertain the results of the trial
 scheduled for 6/21/61 at Ocala, Florida, regarding the
 three freedom riders who were arrested there 6/16/61.

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*12⁵² AM - D.K. Brown advised
 were arraigned, pleaded
 not guilty & bail
 set for 7/5/61*

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TO : Mr. Rosen *R/R*

DATE: 6/21/61

FROM : *Sm/200*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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*FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC.*8:30 P.M., EDST

SA Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically informed that nine freedom riders were arrested 6:15 p.m., CST, in Jackson, Mississippi, the group consisted of four Negro males, one Negro female, one white male; and three white females.

The group entered the white waiting room in the Trailways Bus Terminal and when they failed to move when ordered by the Jackson Police, they were arrested. All nine have been transported to the Jackson City Jail. There were no incidents in connection with the arrests. SA said that hearing for these nine individuals will probably be at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 22, 1961.

SA stated that when more information is received concerning the group such as names, etc., this information will be included in a summary teletype and immediately submitted to the Bureau.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-248)

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FREEDOM RIDERS, RACIAL MATTERS. RE JACKSONVILLE AIRTEL

TODAY AND WASHINGTON FIELD AIRTEL JUNE TWENTY LAST. PLANS
TO SEND THREE FREEDOM RIDERS TO TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA,
TONIGHT TO TEST AIRPORT ACCOMMODATIONS CANCELED TODAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, NEW ORLEANS (157-264) AND
PHILADELPHIA

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-35588)

FREEBUS. RM. CR. RE NEW ORLEANS TEL SIX TWENTYTHREE LAST
RE ARRIVAL OF FREEDOM RIDERS MISC IN NEW ORLEANS FROM WASH. DC ON
SIX TWENTYTHREE LAST. WFO INDICES NEGATIVE RE RIDERS EXCEPT

[REDACTED] OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF

THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE. PHILADELPHIA SUTEL TO NEW ORLEANS
AND FOLLOW WITH LETTERHEAD MEMO TO BUREAU AND NEW ORLEANS

SUBVERSIVE INFO RE [REDACTED] IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ /2P/

FREEBUS. REFERENCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TODAY CONCERNING LETTER FROM [REDACTED] NEW ORLEANS

AGENTS HAVE PURPOSELY AVOIDED FURNISHING ANY BACKGROUND
INFO CONCERNING FREEDOM RIDERS TO MEMBERS OF JACKSON, MISS.,
POLICE DEPT. ALL FREEDOM RIDERS ARRESTED AT JACKSON, MISS.,
ARE FINGERPRINTED, PHOTOGRAPHED AND INTERVIEWED BY JACKSON
POLICE DEPT. OFFICERS. THEY ARE QUESTIONED CONCERNING BACK-
GROUND INCLUDING PRIOR ARRESTS, MEMBERSHIP IN NAACP, CORE,
COMMUNIST PARTY, PRIOR PICKETING OR SIT-IN ACTIVITY. SUCH DATA
RELATING TO EACH FREEDOM RIDER IS SUBSEQUENTLY OBTAINED BY
AGENTS FROM RECORDS THE JACKSON, MISS., POLICE DEPT. MAINTAINS.
BUREAU AGENTS HAVE NEVER INTERVIEWED [REDACTED]

HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY JACKSON POLICE DEPT. DETECTIVES AND
A STATEMENT TAKEN. STATEMENT JACKSON POLICE DEPT. OBTAINED IS
SET OUT ON PAGE FIFTEEN OF REPORT OF SA [REDACTED]

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DATED JUNE EIGHT, SIXTYONE, IN CASE ENTITLED FREEDOM RIDE NUMBER
SIXTYONE, TRAILWAYS BUS ^{T TWO} ~~NO~~ NINE FIVE THREE, MONTGOMERY,
ALA., TO JACKSON, MISS., SIX FORTYFOUR P.M., JUNE TWO, SIXTYONE.
NEW ORLEANS OFFICE OF OPINION ANY BACKGROUND INFO CONCERNING
FREEDOM RIDERS IN POSSESSION OF JACKSON, MISS., POLICE DEPT.
WAS OBTAINED THROUGH INTERVIEW OF FREEDOM RIDERS OR AS RESULT
OF SUBMITTING FINGERPRINTS TO BUREAU-S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC-S NEW ORLEANS AND LOS ANGELES

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO /100-24927/ 1 PAGE

FREEBUS, AM, CR, RE NEW ORLEANS TEL JUNE TWO ONE LAST. SF INDICES

NEGATIVE RE

SF UNABLE TO DETERMINE PERTINENCY OF IND-

ICES REVIEW ON

WITHOUT FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA. "SF CHRONICLE" JUNE TWO

TWO INSTANT REFLECTS ONLY FOUR OF INDIVIDUALS IN RETEL LEFT YESTERDAY VIA SOUTHERN PACIFIC SUNSET LIMITED FOR LOS ANGELES WHERE THEY WERE TO JOIN ANOTHER GROUP AND PROCEED TO NO. INDIVIDUALS WERE JOHN DOLAN, MIRIAM KENDALL, RAYMOND ASHBY AND LEGTIS THORTON.

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

URGENT 6--26--61 11--52PM CST JC

TO DIRECTOR FBI, SAC NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON AND SACS MEMPHIS, ATLANTA
AND MOBILE

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-264 1-P

FREEBUS, RM. [REDACTED] CORE, JACKSON, MISS.,
ADVISED JUNE TWENTYSIX THAT A COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF VARIOUS ORG-
ANIZATIONS PROMOTING FR WILL MEET AT NEGRO MASONIC TEMPLE JACKSON, MISS.,

[REDACTED] COMMITTEE WILL CONSIST OF REV. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP ATLANTA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CORE, NYC., [REDACTED] STUDENT NON-
VIOLENCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE ATLANTA, [REDACTED] SNVCC NASHVILLE,
AND ALSO POSSIBLY ATTENDING WILL BE BERNARD LEE, SCLC BELIEVED ATLANTA,
AND REV. FNU ABERNATHY MONTGOMERY, ALA. [REDACTED] ADVISES MEETING IS TO
REVIEW PRESENT POLICY AND SHAPE NEW POLICY, STATES DOES NOT PERSONALLY
EXPECT ANY MAJOR CHANGES IN PRESENT FR PRACTICES AND INDICATED MEETING
WOULD BE CHIEFLY CONCERNED BETTER COORDINATION OF VARIOUS GROUPS.

ABOVE FOR INFO BUREAU. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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JULIUS W. HOBSON, President, Washington Chapter, CORE, advised 6/26/61, that Freedom Riders departing for the South to test restaurant and airport facilities will no longer depart from Washington, D. C. According to HOBSON, all Freedom Riders will now depart for the South from CORE headquarters in New York City.

HOBSON stated that final plans for the "march" in Washington, D. C., on 7/4/61, will be made available to Bureau Agents on Wednesday, 6/28/61.

WFO will follow closely and report pertinent information.

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FREEBUS. FOUR FR ARRESTED TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL, JACKSON, MISS., JUNE TWENTY THREE AND NINETEEN OF TWENTY FR ARRESTED IC RR DEPOT, JACKSON, JUNE TWENTY FIVE, TRIED IN JACKSON MUNICIPAL COURT JUNE TWENTY SIX. ALL CONVICTED VIOLATION SECTION TWO ZERO EIGHT SEVEN POINT FIVE, MISS. CODE. ALL SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS JAIL AND TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE. NO INCIDENTS AT TRAIL. M.B. PIERCE, CHIEF OF DETECTIVES, JACKSON, PD, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] NEGRO MALE, AGE [REDACTED] FR, ARRESTED WITH TWENTY AT IC RR DEPOT JUNE TWENTY FIVE, WAS NOT PROSECUTED [REDACTED] RELEASED TO HIS ATTORNEY [REDACTED] AT JACKSON, JUNE TWENTY SIX WITH NO CHARGES FILED. RELEASED UNDER CONDITION [REDACTED] ARRANGE FOR HIS IMMEDIATE RETURN TO [REDACTED] HOME LOS ANGELES. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FIVE P. M. JUNE TWENTY SIX - NO FR ARRESTED AND NONE RELEASED BOND OR PAID FIVE SINCE JUNE TWENTY FIVE SUMMARY, TOTAL ARRESTED ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFOUR, OUT ON BOND FIFTY TWO, PAID FINES OF FOUR, RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE, NET IN CUSTODY ONE HUNDRED SEVEN. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT JACKSON CITY JAIL AND HINDS COUNTY JAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-264/

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /157-367/ 2P

FREEBUS, RM, CR. RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE JUNE TWENTY FIRST

AND SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE JUNE TWENTY SECOND.

AND [REDACTED] NOT IDENTIFIABLE IN LOS ANGELES FILES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CURRENTLY ACTIVE MEMBERS

OF THE LOS ANGELES NEWS AND LETTERS COMMITTEE, NAME USED BY THE
FORREST FACTION OF THE JOHNSON DASH FORREST GROUP PAREN JFG
UNPAREN. JFG DESIGNATED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL. LETTERHEAD MEMOS
BEING SUBMITTED ON THESE TWO. QUOTE LOS ANGELES EXAMINER UNQUOTE,
JUNE TWENTY SIX INSTANT IDENTIFIES AS FOLLOWING RIDERS IN LOS
ANGELES AREA AS HAVING BEEN ARRESTED THIS PAST SUNDAY AT JACKSON,
MISSISSIPPI. JOHN COPENLAND ROGERS, THIRTY, N, PROFESSIONAL
BOXER. HIS WIFE JANICE ROGERS, TWENTY FIVE, N, SECRETARY AND
MODEL. WAYNE LESLIE TAYLOR, TWENTY THREE, N, UNEMPLOYED, LOUISE
JEAN INGRAM, ABOVE, TWENTY SIX, W, HOUSEWIFE. CLAUDE ALBERT
LIGGINS
LIGGINS, TWENTY, N, STUDENT, LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE. GEORGE

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M. BLEVINS, TWENTY ONE, W, ART STUDENT. ARTHUR BROOKS, JR.,

TWENTY TWO, N, STUDENT, LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE. ^{MARCIA} ~~MARSHALL~~

ROSENBAUM, TWENTY THREE, W, PAINTER, AND MARY LUCILLE HAMILTON,

TWENTY FIVE, N, GRAMMAR SCHOOL TEACHER. LOS ANGELES INDICES

NEGATIVE ON ALL BUT

ONE

NEW SWP MEMBER, RECENTLY LEFT LOS ANGELES TO PARTICIPATE

IN QUOTE FREEDOM RIDE UNQUOTE DEMONSTRATION IN SOUTH.

DESCRIBED

SLENDER, BLUE EYES, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, CURLY, GLASSES. NEW ORLEANS
REQUESTED TO SEND PHOTO AND BACKGROUND DATA SO LOS ANGELES CAN
DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RJR*

DATE: 6/22/61

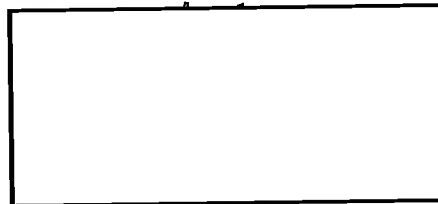
FROM :

Time of call: 9:40 p.m.

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

6/27/61
ASAC Sylvester, New Orleans, advised that with regard to the four freedom riders from Los Angeles, they arrived by plane in New Orleans at 8:15 a.m., 6/22/61. He stated that instead of four, there were five and their names are as follows:

*LA CALIF MISS*

6/1 36/1
Another freedom rider, Frank Johnson, NM, arrived at 9:50 a.m., in New Orleans from Tucson, Arizona, by Eastern Air Lines to join the above five. *LA MISS*

This information was received from CORE, who also advised that this group plans to meet tomorrow night with the ten freedom riders from San Francisco who are scheduled to arrive in New Orleans by train at 5:30 p.m., 6/23/61.

The tentative plans of these 16 individuals, *7:10 a.m.* according to are to leave New Orleans at ~~10:00~~ a.m., Sunday morning, 6/25/61 via Illinois Central Railroad for Jackson, Mississippi.

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departure
04 City of
New Orleans**7:10 a.m.
Jackson 10:00 a.m.
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 2P

FREEBUS. RM, CR. NO FR ARRESTED SINCE JUNE TWENTYTHREE
SUMMARY. EIGHT FR RELEASED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR CASH APPEAL
BOND JUNE TWENTYFOUR. IDENTITIES FOLLOW AIRTEL. ON JUNE
TWENTYTHREE, HINDS COUNTY SO TRANSFERRED TWELVE WF, ELEVEN
NF, ONE NM, AND TWO WM FROM CITY AND COUNTY JAILS, JACKSON,
MISS., TO MSP, PARCHMAN, MISS. IDENTITIES FOLLOW AIRTEL.

ON JUNE TWENTYFOUR, [REDACTED] CORE,
JACKSON, ADVISED BUAGENT THAT HE IS MAILING LETTER JUNE
TWENTYFOUR TO FBI, JACKSON, WITH COPY HINDS COUNTY SHERIFF,
JACKSON, IN WHICH HE WILL STATE THAT HE IS OF THE OPINION
THAT PLACING FR PRISONERS IN MAXIMUM SECURITY SECTION AT
MSP IS CRUEL AND INHUMAN PUNISHMENT INASMUCH AS OFFENSE FOR
WHICH FR CONVICTED IS MISDEMEANOR. STATES IS WRITING LETTER
QUOTE TO GO RECORD END QUOTE AS OPPOSING ABOVE. BUREAU JUN 28 1961
WILL BE ADVISED OF CONTENTS UPON RECEIPT OF LETTER. [REDACTED]

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ALSO ADVISES HAS TENTATIVE PLANS FOR ANOTHER SMALL GROUP OF
FR TO ORIGINATE AT JACKSON, MISS., SIMILAR TO FR GROUP ARRESTED
JACKSON, JUNE TWENTYTHREE. NO DETAILS AS YET BUT IS CONSIDERING
AFTERNOON OF JUNE TWENTYFIVE. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR
JUNE TWENTYFOUR. TOTAL ARRESTED, ONE HUNDRED FORTYFOUR.
OUT ON BOND FIFTYTWO. PAID FINES, FOUR. NET IN CUSTODY,
EIGHTYEIGHT. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT JACKSON CITY JAIL
AND HINDS COUNTY JAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS

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FREEBUS. RE PHONE CALL JACKSON RA TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYFIVE.
TWENTY FR ARRESTED IC RR DEPOT JACKSON, MISS., TEN THIRTEEN
AM, CST, JUNE TWENTYFIVE, AFTER ARRIVING BY TRAIN FROM NEW ORLEANS.
ALL ENTERED WHITE WAITING ROOM AS GROUP AND ARRESTED WHEN
FAILED TO MOVE ON AFTER ORDERS FROM PD. ALL CHARGED BREACH
OF PEACE. NO INCIDENTS AT ARREST. WILL PROBABLY BE TRIED
JACKSON MUNICIPAL COURT, THREE PM, JUNE TWENTYSIX. FOLLOWING
IS IDENTITY FR ARRESTED FROM PD RECORDS.

L. A. PAREN, CAL., (WM) BORN

ALEXANDRIA, LA.,

LIGHT BROWN HAIR, STUDENT

ARRESTED

LOS ANGELES PAREN

BROWN EYES

L. A.,

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PARTICIPATED

DEMONSTRATION

WASHINGTON,

D. C.,

COLUMBIA, S. C.,

IRMO, S. C.,

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[REDACTED] BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR [REDACTED] PICKETED WASHINGTON, COLUMBIA, S.C., N. Y. C., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] L. A., NM, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AKRON, OHIO, [REDACTED]

BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, STUDENT, L. A. CITY COLLEGE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BERKELEY, CAL., WM, BORN

[REDACTED] SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, STUDENT U. OF CALIFORNIA, PICKETED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ROCH-
ESTER, N. Y., WM, BORN [REDACTED] CHARLESTON,
S. C., [REDACTED] BLUE
EYES, BROWN HAIR, STUDENT U. OF ROCHESTER, ARRESTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] L. A., WF, BORN

[REDACTED] L. A., [REDACTED]

GREEN EYES, BROWN HAIR, [REDACTED] REFUSED TO ANSWER WHETHER
MEMBER CP, OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] L. A., (NF), BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] L. A., PICKETED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REFUSED TO STATE WHETHER MEMBER CP. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TUSCON, ARIZONA, (NM), BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TUSCON, [REDACTED]

BROWN

EYES, BLACK HAIR, STUDENT U. OF ARIZONA, ARRESTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAN LEANDRO, CAL., (WF), BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAN LEANDRO, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAZEL EYES, BROWN HAIR, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PHILADELPHIA, PA.,

[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]

PHILADELPHIA, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROWN EYES, BROWN HAIR, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATES SHE IS NOT MEMBER NAACP, CORE,

OR CP. [REDACTED]

L. A.,

(NM), BORN [REDACTED]

LAKE CHARLES, LA., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, STUDENT L. A. CITY COLLEGE,

[REDACTED] NO DATES GIVEN, REFUSED TO ANSWER

WHETHER CP, CORE, AND NAACP. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] L. A., (NF) BORN [REDACTED]

HAYNESVILLE, LA., [REDACTED]

BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR,

STUDENT L. A. CITY COLLEGE, PARTICIPATED SIT-IN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] L. A., (NM) BORN [REDACTED]

PETERSBURG, VA.,

HAZEL EYES, BLACK

HAIR, [REDACTED]

STUDENT, [REDACTED]

RELEASED, [REDACTED]

BROOKLYN,

N. Y., (WM) BORN [REDACTED]

NYC, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BLUE EYES, BLOND HAIR, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REFUSED TO ANSWER WHETHER MEMBER NAACP, CORE, OR CP. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] L. A., (NF) BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] L. A., [REDACTED]

BROWN EYES, BROWN HAIR, [REDACTED]

UNEMPLOYED, [REDACTED]

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L. A., NM, BORN

CLEVELAND, OHIO,

BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR,

ARRESTED

L. A., WF, BORN

NEWARK, N. J.,

BLUE EYES, BLACK HAIR, ,

REFUSES TO

STATE WHETHER MEMBER NAACP, CORE, OR CP.

L. A., NM, BORN

FREEPORT, ILL.,

BROWN EYES,

BLZACK HAIR, UNEMPLOYED.

BERKELEY, CAL., NM, BORN

HAMMOND,

LA.,

BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR,

SILVER SPRINGS, MD., WF, BORN

MT. KISCO, N. Y.,

BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR,

PICKETED WASHINGTON

AND MARYLAND

FOLLOWING IS ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ SUMMARY AS

OF THREE PM SIX TWENTYFIVE. NO FR RELEASED ON BOND OR PAID FINE SINCE

JUNE TWENTY FOUR SUMMARY. TOTAL ARRESTED ONE SIX FOUR. OUT ON BOND

FIVE TWO. PAID FINE FOUR. NET IN CUSTODY ONE ZERO EIGHT. ALL FR

PRISONERS EATING AT JACKSON CITY JAIL AND HINDS COUNTY JAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI *FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC.*

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-246/ 1 P

CORE, RACIAL MATTERS, FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. RE PRIOR JACKSONVILLE
TELS AND LETTERHEAD MEMOS RE ACTIVITY INTERFAITH GROUP. UPI REPORTED
TODAY NAACP HAS FILED SUIT IN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT, TALLAHASSEE,
FLA. TO FORCE INTERGRATION OF TALLAHASSEE AIRPORT RESTAURANT. SUIT
REPORTEDLY FILED BY MAIL BY NAACP ATTORNEY [REDACTED] OF MIAMI
JUNE TWENTYTHREE, LAST, AND LIES UNOPENED IN CLERKS OFFICE, TALLAHASSEE
IN VACATION ABSENCE OF CLERK. SUIT REPORTEDLY PREPARED ON BEHALF
OF THREE NEGRO MINISTERS AS PLAINTIFFS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF TALLAHASSEE, AND [REDACTED] OF MIAMI. SUIT NAMES
AS DEFENDANTS CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, EACH OF ITS CITY COMMISSIONERS,
INCLUDING THE MAYOR, AS WELL AS THE SAVARING CORP. WHICH OPERATES
RESTAURANT CONCESSION AT AIRPORT. SUIT ASKS COURT TO ENJOIN THE
OFFICIALS AND THE RESTAURANT FROM MAKING ANY DISTINCTION BASED ON
COLOR IN REGARDS TO SEVICE AT AIRPORT AND ASKS INJUNCTION AGAINST
FURTHER ANNOYING ARRESTING AND HARASSING PLAINTIFFS AND THE CLASS
THEY REPRESENT. US DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT, TALLAHASSEE ADVISED
PACKAGE WILL BE OPENED MONDAY. JACKSONVILLE CLOSELY FOLLOWING AND
BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI ~~1400-2258924~~

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /157-140/ 2P

FREEBUS. RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

AND TELEPHONE CALL TO SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] TODAY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MISSISSIPPI STATE

PENITENTIARY, PARCHMAN, MISS. , FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION,

[REDACTED] ARRIVED AT THE MISS. STATE PENITENTIARY JUNE FIFTEEN

LAST AND ALLEGEDLY HAS BEEN ON HUNGER STRIKE FOR TWENTY ONE DAYS,

THIS STRIKE HAVING BEGUN WHEN [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED IN JACKSON,

MISS. [REDACTED] WHEN WEIGHED BY PENITENTIARY AUTHORITIES JUNE

SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE, WEIGHED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN

LBS. WHEN WEIGHED ON JUNE TWENTY LAST, [REDACTED] WEIGHED

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR AND ONE HALF LBS [REDACTED] GIVEN

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION ELEVEN THIRTY AM TODAY. DOCTOR FOUND

[REDACTED] PHYSICALLY IN GOOD CONDITION INsofar AS HEART AND OTHER

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS ARE CONCERNED BUT DOES CONSIDER [REDACTED] JUN 28 1961

UNDERWEIGHT. DOCTOR FEELS [REDACTED] IS GETTING FOOD FROM SOME

SOURCE, OTHERWISE HE WOULD HAVE LOST MORE THAN TWO AND ONE

HALF LBS. IN PERIOD OF WEEK. PENITENTIARY HAS RECEIVED INQUIRY

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FROM SHERIFF-S OFFICE, JACKSON, MISS., REGARDING [REDACTED]
PENITENTIARY OFFICIALS TOOK SIGNED STATEMENTS TODAY FROM [REDACTED]
AND PRISON DOCTOR RE [REDACTED] STATEMENT REFLECTS THAT
HE IS NOT SICK AND THAT HE IS ON HUNGER STRIKE VOLUNTARILY FOR
QUOTE THE CAUSE UNQUOTE. THE PRISON DOCTOR-S STATEMENT IS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH COMMENTS SET FORTH ABOVE. [REDACTED] HAS COMMENTED
THAT HE DOES NOT INTEND TO EAT UNTIL THE BUSES AT JACKSON, MISS.
ARE INTEGRATED. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF FIVE QUOTE RIDERS UNQUOTE
ON HUNGER STRIKE AT PENITENTIARY. THOSE ON HUNGER STRIKE HAVE
BEEN SEPARATED FROM THOSE WHO WOULD EAT. TODAY TWO OF THE FIVE
STRIKERS WERE OBSERVED EATING AND WERE PLACED WITH OTHER GROUP
OF RIDERS WHO WERE EATING. THOSE ON HUNGER STRIKE ARE GIVEN
TRAYS AT THE SAME TIME AS OTHER INMATES ARE FED. IF [REDACTED]
CLAIMS TO BE SICK HE WILL BE TAKEN TO THE PRISON HOSPITAL AND
EXAMINED BY THE PRISON DOCTOR. OTHERWISE, [REDACTED] WILL BE
EXAMINED WEEKLY BY THE PRISON DOCTOR. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
REFUSING TO EAT, [REDACTED] HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE WHILE AT
THE MISS. STATE PENITENTIARY. AIR MAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM,
MOBILE AND NEW ORLEANS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, PHOENIX 157-24

FREEBUS, RM, CR. RENOTEL JUNE TWENTYTHREE LAST. FRANK JOHNSON, NEGRO FREEDOM RIDER FROM TUCSON IS FRANK JOHNSON, NEGRO, FOUR TWENTY NORTH HERBERT AVENUE, TUCSON, TWENTYONE YEARS OF AGE, USN VETERAN AND FORMER PROMINANT TRACK STAR AT TUCSON HIGH SCHOOL. JOHNSON BORN AT TUCSON AND WINNER OF U. S. NAVY NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST ON QUOTE RESPONSIBILITY OF DEMOCRACY. NO REFERENCE IN PX FILES IDENTIFIABLE WITH JOHNSON. JOHNSON DEPARTED FROM TUCSON VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT SEVEN SEVEN TWO, TWO FIFTEEN AM JUNE SEVENTEEN CONNECTING AT DALLAS WITH EASTERN AIRLINES FOR FLIGHT TO NEW ORLEANS ARRIVING NINE FIFTY AM NEW ORLEANS TIME SAME DATE.

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URGENT 6--23--61 601PM CST JC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI 100-225892

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-90

FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC

CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY, ^{Racial Matters} RM. RE BUREAU RADIOGRAMS JUNE

TWENTYONE AND TWENTYTWO LAST.

Congress of Racial Equality

CORE, TODAY ADVISED HE RECEIVED A WRITTEN DIRECTIVE

FROM THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF CORE ENCOURAGING LOCAL MEMBERS TO PICKET
THE OFFICES OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD AND THE FEDERAL BUILDING
HOUSING THE OFFICES OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ON JULY FOUR NEXT.

HE SAID THAT THIS IS A PART OF A NATIONWIDE PLAN, ACCORDING TO THE
DIRECTIVE, BUT THAT DISCRETION AS TO WHETHER SUCH ACTIVITIES WILL
BE CARRIED OUT IN EACH LOCALITY RESTS WITH THE LOCAL CORE GROUP.
HE SAYS HE DOUBTS SUCH PICKETING WILL OCCUR IN NEW ORLEANS
BECAUSE HE DOES NOT BELIEVE SUCH ACTIVITY SHOULD TAKE PLACE. HE HAS
NO INSTRUCTIONS OR KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH PICKETING ON JUNE
TWENTYFOUR NEXT.

CORE,

ADVISED TODAY HE KNOWS NOTHING OF ANY PLANS RE PICKETING ON JUNE
TWENTYFOUR NEXT.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*


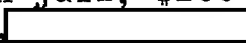
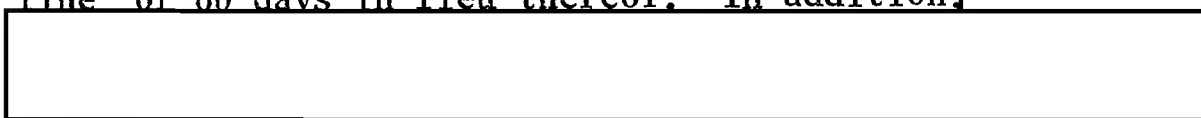
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FROM :  *Am/gm*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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SAC Brown, Jacksonville, Florida, advised that trial of the group of rabbis and ministers at Tallahassee, Florida, today did not end until some time after 7:30 p.m. All of the defendants were found guilty and received sentences of 60 days in jail ~~and~~ \$500 fine. Supersedeas or appeal bonds were immediately posted for each defendant and all are scheduled to leave Tallahassee tonight having reservations on National Airlines Flight 314, departing 11:42 p.m., 6/22/61.

In addition to these members of the Interfaith Group,  member of CORE, was found guilty and sentenced to a mandatory five days in jail, \$200 fine or 60 days in lieu thereof. In addition, 


SAC Brown will advise the Bureau as soon as the departure of the Interfaith Group from Tallahassee by National Airlines is verified.

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Date: 6/13/61

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (157-0)

SUBJECT: RACIAL MATTERS

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0 FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

Re Minneapolis teletype dated 6/8/61.

[redacted] St. Paul, Minnesota, a [redacted] at the University of Minnesota, who was arrested in Jackson, Miss., on Sunday, 6/11/61 as a Freedom Rider, is a Security Index subject of the Minneapolis Office. Her name was not included as a member of the group departing from the University of Minnesota in referenced teletype because no information had been received concerning her travelling with the group.

New Orleans advise when [redacted] released from custody.

- 3 - Bureau (AM) (RM)
2 - New Orleans (AM) (RM)
3 - Minneapolis
(1 - [redacted])
(1 - 100-12134; Students for Integration)

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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The Attorney General

June 27, 1961

Director, FBI

FREEDOM RIDE 1961

RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF
AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES; CIVIL RIGHTS

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ON *6/19/85*

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[Redacted] Negro from
Los Angeles who was arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, with nineteen
other freedom riders on June 25, 1961, has been released in view of
his age. No charges were filed against him but it was stipulated that
he would return immediately to his home in Los Angeles.

The four freedom riders who were arrested at Jackson on June 23,
1961, and nineteen freedom riders who were arrested at Jackson on June 25,
1961, were convicted of breach of the peace on June 26, 1961. Each was
sentenced to serve four months in jail and was fined \$200.

One hundred sixty-four freedom riders have been arrested
at Jackson since May 24, 1961. Fifty-two have been released on bond,
four have been released upon the payment of fines, and one has been released
without charges being filed. One hundred seven remain in custody.

The following letter has been received over the signature of
[Redacted] Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), in care of Attorney
Jackson, Mississippi:

REC-10 157-387-370

"Dear Sir:

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JUN 27 1961

COMM-FBI

"During the past week I have contacted Sheriff Gilfof
of Hinds County, both by telephone and by letter, on the
placement of freedom riders in maximum security units at
the State Prison in Parchman, Mississippi. Certainly the
people transferred from County Jail are grateful to be
relieved of overcrowded conditions. But 'maximum security'
restrictions seem unnaturally harsh punishment for even a

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
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prejudice the defense interests of the U. S.

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"genuine misdemeanor, much less this special artificial one. It clearly exceeds the limits prescribed by Section 2087.5 of the Mississippi Code, the Statute under which these people were convicted. This introduces the question of possible violation of the Eighth Amendment of the Federal Constitution. Accordingly, the Congress of Racial Equality enters this urgent request that the Department of Justice make an official inquiry into present conditions presently affecting those freedom riders confined to the State Prison at Parchman, Mississippi."

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It was indicated that copies of the above letter had been furnished to Sheriff J. R. Gilfoy, Hinds County, Mississippi, and Mississippi Attorney General Patterson.

[redacted] all of whom gave Los Angeles addresses, were among those arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, on June 25, 1961. At the time of their arrest [redacted] refused to state whether they were members of the Communist Party.

[redacted] are active members of the News and Letter Committee in Los Angeles. The News and Letter Committee is a name used by the Forest Faction of the Johnson-Forest Group. The Johnson-Forest Group is a Marxist organization which has been cited as subversive by the Attorney General under the provisions of Executive Order 10450. Information has been developed that one [redacted] a new member of the Socialist Workers Party, recently left Los Angeles to participate in a freedom ride.

Representatives of various groups are scheduled to meet in Jackson, Mississippi, on June 27, 1961, to discuss freedom-ride policy. [redacted] does not anticipate that any major changes will result from the meeting and he believes that the meeting will deal primarily with means of achieving better coordination between participating organizations.

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The meeting is to be attended by the following:

Reverend Martin Luther King of the Southern Christian
Leadership Conference, Atlanta;

[redacted] Field Service, CORE, New
York City;

[redacted] Student Nonviolent Coordinating
Committee, Atlanta;

[redacted] Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee,
Nashville.

Bernard Lee, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta,
and Reverend Ralph Abernathy, Montgomery, Alabama, may also attend.

Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington, D. C. Chapter,
CORE, advised on June 20, 1961, that no more freedom rides will originate
at Washington, D. C., but that freedom riders will depart for the South
directly from CORE headquarters in New York City. Hobson also said that
on June 20, 1961, he will make available the plans for the "march" in
Washington, D. C., which is scheduled for July 4, 1961.

Further developments will be promptly brought to the attention
of the Department.

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Twenty freedom riders were arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, on June 25, 1961, when they entered the white waiting room at the railroad depot upon their arrival from New Orleans. They were charged with breach of the peace in that they failed to comply with orders from the police that they move on.

One of those arrested was [redacted] who gave a Philadelphia address. Information has been received that [redacted] a member of the District Committee, Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, was engaging in a freedom ride.

One hundred sixty-four freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson since May 24, 1961. Fifty-two have been released on bond, four have been released upon paying fines and one hundred eight remain in custody.

[redacted] Congress of Racial Equality, Jackson, Mississippi, advised on June 24, 1961, that he was mailing a letter to the FBI in which he alleges that freedom riders in custody at the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, are being subjected to cruel and inhuman punishment in that they are placed in the maximum security section of the penitentiary. [redacted] also said that a copy of his letter will be furnished to the Sheriff of Hinds County, Mississippi. Upon receipt of [redacted] letter, copies will be immediately furnished to the Department.

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Nashville Christian Leadership

Council, advised on June 25, 1961, that the local press in Montgomery, Alabama, has reported that [redacted] was arrested by local authorities at Donalsonville, Georgia, for being drunk in public and was given a one-year sentence. He allegedly had been put off an L and N train at Donalsonville by the conductor.

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[redacted] was arrested as a freedom rider at Jackson, Mississippi, and has been released on bond. [redacted] stated that he left Nashville on June 21, 1961, to return to his home at Selma and also assumes that his arrest occurred June 22, 1961. [redacted] said that she believed the sentence of one year was excessive and that the extreme sentence possibly was imposed because [redacted] had been on a freedom ride.

The press has reported that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has filed suit in U. S. District Court, Tallahassee, to force integration in the Tallahassee airport restaurant. The suit reportedly was filed by mail on June 20, 1961 by [redacted] Miami attorney, and the papers lie unopened in the office of the Clerk of the Court since the Clerk is on vacation.

[redacted] both of Tallahassee, and [redacted] of Miami, the Negro plaintiffs in the above suit, seek an injunction to restrain city officials and the restaurant concessionaire from making any distinction based on color at the airport restaurant. They also seek an injunction against further arrests or harassment of the plaintiffs or the class they represent. The Deputy Clerk of Court has advised that the package containing the papers to be filed in this matter will be opened on June 26, 1961.

Further developments will be brought to the attention of the Department promptly.

1 - Mr. Byron E. White
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI *FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC.*

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 158--264

FREEBUS. REBUREAU CALL TONIGHT. NO HUNGER STRIKE IN PROGRESS
AT JACKSON CITY JAIL OR HINDS COUNTY JAIL. ALL PRISONERS EATING.
RE TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT FILE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS, REFER
TO MY TEL NINE TWENTYEIGHT PM JUNE SIXTEEN, SIXTYONE WHEREIN
THEY ARE IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED]
IN AS MUCH AS BOTH [REDACTED] WERE RELEASED ON BOND
JUNE NINETEEN SIXTYONE, WOULD APPEAR NO FURTHER ACTION CONTEMPLATED
RE WRIT FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: July 1, 1961

FROM :

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SUBJECT:

FREEBUS
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Freedom Riders - misc

At approximately 12:30 P.M., 6-25-61, [redacted] Resident Agent, Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically advised 20 racially mixed freedom bus riders had been arrested by the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department at 10:13 A.M., Central Standard Time, at the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Jackson, Mississippi, without incident. The group had traveled by train from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Jackson, Mississippi, in order to attempt to integrate the railroad depot at Jackson. This group apparently consisted of 7 Negro males, 3 Negro females, 4 white males and 6 white females.

SA [redacted] related they were being booked and questioned by the police department at that time and as soon as police department records were available New Orleans would submit a teletype to the Bureau containing complete details and descriptions of those involved.

In connection with this, the 12:00 noon news, Radio Station WRC, Washington, D. C., mentioned that a group of 20 Negroes and whites, most of whom were from California, were taking a train from New Orleans to Jackson to test segregation laws in Jackson on this date. In connection with this, the news broadcast identified one Clair Toombs, 1921 East West Highway, Washington, D. C., as one of the participants. The Washington, D. C., Telephone Directory fails to list information concerning Toombs. A check with the information operator revealed that JU 8-7425 is a telephone listed for [redacted] Washington, D. C.

Section Chief [redacted] was telephonically furnished the above information.

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None. For information.

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URGENT 6-23-61 10--05 PM CST LM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FREEDOM RIDERS MISC.

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-NEW/

FREEBUS. RE PHONE CALL JACKSON RA TO BUREAU SIX TWENTYTHREE.
FOLLOWING FOUR FR ARRESTED TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL, JACKSON, MISS.,
TWO TWENTYFIVE PM, CST, JUNE TWENTYTHREE, AFTER ENTERING WHITE
WAITING ROOM OF TERMINAL FROM STREET. ALL ARRESTED FOR BREACH
OF PEACE, SECTION TWO ZERO EIGHT SEVEN POINT FIVE, MISS. CODE,
WHEN FAILED TO MOVE ON WHEN ORDERED BY PD. NO INCIDENTS
AT TIME OF ARREST. PD HAD FEW MINUTES ADVANCE NOTICE WHEN
NOTIFIED BY PRESS THAT FR WOULD TAKE PLACE. PD ORIGINALLY OF
OPINION PRESS ADVISED BY MEDGAR EVERS, NAACP, JACKSON, BUT PD
LATER ADVISED PRESS HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY SOURCE OTHER THAN
EVERS. [REDACTED] CORE, JACKSON, ADVISED BUAGENT THAT
FIRST HE KNEW OF PLAN WAS TWO PM, JUNE TWENTYTHREE, WHEN THE
FOUR FR CONTACTED HIM. HE STATED THEY WANTED TO POINT OUT TO
PUBLIC THAT NEGROES OF JACKSON NOT AS COMPLACENT RE FR AS LOCAL
AUTHORITIES MIGHT THINK. ADVISED HE CALLED PRESS ADVISING
OF PLANS. SAID FR INTENDED TO GO INTO WHITE WAITING ROOM BUS

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TERMINAL TO WAIT FOR NEW ORLEANS BOUND BUS, LEAVING TWO THIRTY PM AND ANTICIPATED ARREST. [REDACTED] SAYS OTHER SIMILAR ATTEMPTS AT JACKSON ARE CONTEMPLATED BUT HE ASSURES HE WILL MAKE INFO AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE IN FUTURE. FR ARRESTED WILL PROBABLY BE TRIED JACKSON MUNICIPAL COURT, JUNE TWO SIX. FOLLOWING NAMES AND DATA ON FR ARRESTED FROM PD RECORDS COLON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SILVER CREEK,

MISS., NM, BORN [REDACTED]

SILVER CREEK, MISS.,

[REDACTED] BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR,

STUDENT TOUGALOO COLLEGE, MEMBER NAACP. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS,

(NF) BORN [REDACTED]

SAN ANTONIO, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, STUDENT

TOUGALOO COLLEGE. [REDACTED]

RAYMOND, MISS., NF, BORN [REDACTED]

RAYMOND, MISS.,

[REDACTED] BRWON EYES, BLACK HAIR,

[REDACTED] HAS ONE YEAR AT TOUGALOO COLLEGE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NASHVILLE, TENN., NM, BORN

[REDACTED] UTICA, MISS., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, STUDENT A AND I STATE

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UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, ADMITS SIT-INS , AND STAND-INS, NASHVILLE,
TENN., [REDACTED] MEMBER NAACP, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOUGALOO COLLEGE IS TOUGALOO
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, TOUGALOO, MISS., LOCATED ABOUT FIVE
MILES NORTH OF JACKSON. FOR INFO BUREAU, HINDS COUNTY SO,
JACKSON, ADVISED THAT TWO WHITE MALES, FOURTEEN WHITE FEMALES,
ONE NEGRO MALE, AND NINE NEGRO FEMALES, FR PRISONERS, NOW
CONFINED COUNTY AND CITY JAIL, JACKSON, WILL BE TRANSFERRED
TO MSP, PARCHMAN, MISS., NIGHT JUNE TWO THREE BY SO. WILL
RETURN EIGHT FR MALE PRISONERS PRESENTLY CONFINED, PARCHMAN
TO BE RELEASED ON BOND SIX TWENTYFOUR. IDENTITIES OF
ABOVE FOLLOW BY AIRTEL. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF SIX PM,
SIX TWENTYTHREE COLON TOTAL ARRESTED ONE FOUR FOUR. OUT ON
BOND FORTYFOUR. PAID FINES FOUR. NET IN CUSTODY NINETYSIX.
ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT JACKSON CITY AND HINDS COUNTY JAILS.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
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Re WFO teletype 6/20/61 to Director and SACs Atlanta, Jacksonville, New York and Mobile, which advised that three freedom riders had made reservations to depart Washington, D. C., 6/23/61, for Tallahassee, Florida. The freedom riders are [redacted] and had reservations on Eastern Airlines Flight 337, for Atlanta and Tallahassee. They were to test airport accommodations at Tallahassee.

[redacted] Eastern Airlines Ticket Agent, advised today that the above three individuals cancelled reservations for Flight 337. They purchased tourist fares on Eastern Airlines Flight 305, which departed Washington, D. C., for New Orleans, Louisiana at 11:45 a.m. This flight is scheduled to stop at Atlanta at 1:08 eastern standard time and arrive New Orleans 2:25 p.m. central standard time. [redacted] stated all three had open return tickets.

This information was telephonically furnished to the Bureau, Atlanta and New Orleans Offices. Jacksonville advised by teletype.

- ③ - Bureau
 - 2 - Atlanta
 - 2 - New Orleans (AM)
 - 2 - New York
 - 2 - Mobile
 - 1 - WFO
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URGENT 6--23--61 6--47PM CST JC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS NEWARK. NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FIELD

VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-264

FREEBUS. RM. CR. RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE JUNE TWENTYONE

AND NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL JUNE TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYONE.

[REDACTED] CORE, NEW ORLEANS ADVISED

TODAY THAT THE FOLLOWING FREEDOM RIDERS ARRIVED NEW ORLEANS

BY EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE FROM WASHINGTON D.C. AT
TWO TWENTYFIVE PM, TODAY. [REDACTED] NEGRO FEMALE., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHYTE FEMALE., AND [REDACTED] WHITE FEMALE. IN ADDITION

TO THE TEN FREEDOM RIDERS FROM CALIFORNIA MENTIONED REFERENCED
TELETYPE WHO ARE ARRIVING TONIGHT FROM CALIFORNIA, THE FOLLOWING WILL
JOIN THE GROUP AT NEW ORLEANS. [REDACTED] WHITE MALE, IS ARRIV-

ING NEW ORLEANS TEN FORTYFIVE PM TONIGHT VIA DELTA AIRLINES
FLIGHT NINE ONE FROM NEW YORK. [REDACTED] PROBABLY WHITE

MALE, ARRIVING NEW ORLEANS TEN FIFTYFIVE PM TONIGHT ON CAPITAL
AIRLINES FLIGHT SEVEN NINE FROM NEWARK. [REDACTED] NEGRO MALE,

FROM TUCSON, ARIZ., ARRIVING NEW ORLEANS NINE FIFTY AM VIA EASTERN
AIRLINES FLIGHT TWO ZERO THREE ON JUNE TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYONE,
AND NOT JUNE TWENTYTHREE, AS MENTIONED IN REFERENCED AIRTEL.

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[REDACTED] STATES IT IS DEFINITE ALL ABOVE TWENTYONE WILL
DEPART NEW ORLEANS FOR JACKSON, MISS., SEVEN TEN AM, JUNE
TWENTYFIVE, VIA ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD TRAIN, CITY OF NEW
ORLEANS. LOCAL AUTHORITIES, NEW ORLEANS AND JACKSON ADVISED,
AS WELL AS LA. AND MISS. STATE POLICE. NEWARK, WFO, AND NEW YORK
CHECK INDICES, SUTEL NEW ORLEANS AND FOLLOW WITH LETTERHEAD MEMO
TO BUREAU AND NEW ORLEANS SUITABLE FOR DISEMINATION IF SUBVERSIVE
INFORMATION LOCATED ON RIDERS FROM EACH DIVISION.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI(95-97032)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS(157-264B)

SUBJECT: FREE BUS

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

Re Mobile Airtel to Bureau dated 6/12/61.

The following estimated costs were incurred
in this division for the week ending 6/10/61:

	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours
Agents	116	86
Clerical	146	13
Miles Driven	3,383	

Other unusual expenses include the following:

\$75.99 Meridian to Montgomery line
\$109.10 New Orleans to Jackson line

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI *FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC.*
FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-246/

CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. INTERFAITH
GROUP. RETEL TODAY. EIGHT MEMBERS OF GROUP ARRIVED TALLAHASSEE
AIRPORT TODAY VIA EASTERN AIRLINES AS SCHEDULED. TWO ADDITIONAL
MEMBERS, [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN STAYING
AT RESIDENCE [REDACTED] COLORED, TALLAHASSEE, AND ARE
PRESENTLY THERE AWAITING TRIAL TOMORROW. GROUP ENTERED TERMINAL
BUILDING WHERE RESTAURANT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY CLOSED AND TWO WHITE
CLERGYMEN ENTERED COLORED MALE RESTROOM. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED AND
GROUP LEFT AIRPORT IN PRIVATE CARS. [REDACTED]

ADVISED PLANS WERE FOR GROUP TO PROCEED TO MEETING HALL OF INTER-
CIVIC COUNCIL FOR MEETING. THEREAFTER THEY ARE TO GO TO BETHEL
BAPTIST CHURCH, COLORED, AND STAY UNTIL TRIAL COMMENCES AT EIGHT
THIRTY AM, JUNE TWENTYTWO NEXT. ENROUTE TO MEETING HALL STOPPED
AT CHURCH OF ST. MICHAELS AND ALL ANGELS, PAREN COLORED ENPAREN.
FIVE DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND FIVE TALLAHASSEE PD OFFICERS AT AIRPORT
ON ARRIVAL AND CLOSELY FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES OF GROUP TO PREVENT
INCIDENTS. NO UNUSUAL CROWDS OR ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH ARRIVAL.
LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND CIC COGNIZANT.

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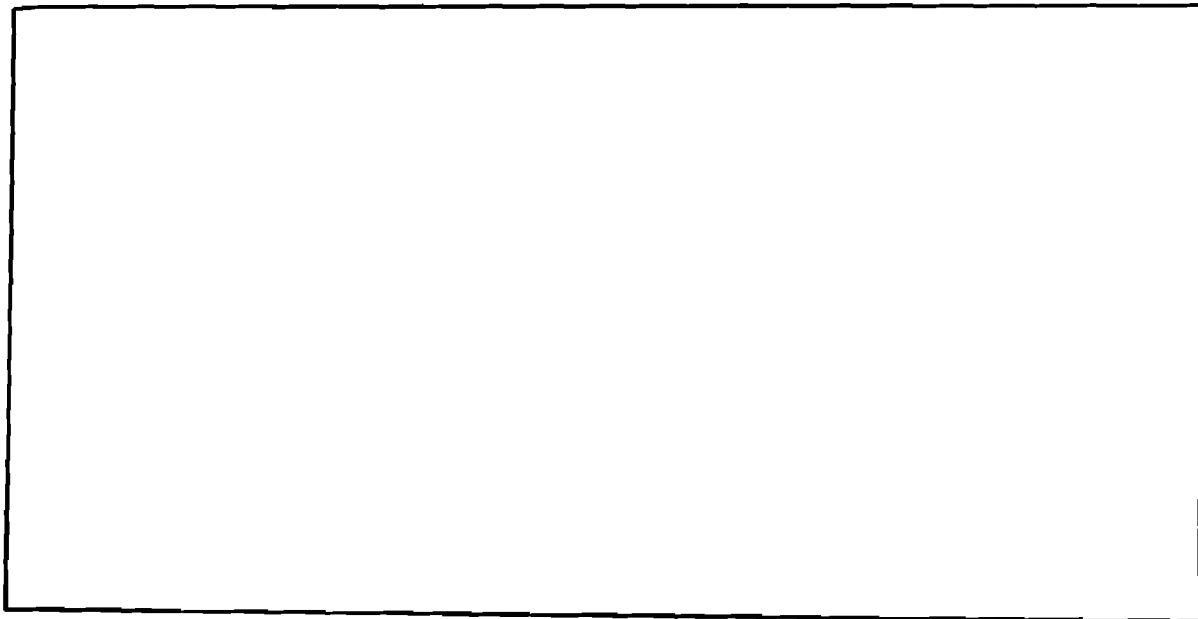
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 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)
 SUBJECT: FREE BUS

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Remytel 6/23/61.

On 6/23/61, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Miss., advised that the following individuals were transferred from Hinds County Jail and the Jackson City Jail, Jackson, Miss. to the Miss. State Penitentiary, Parchman, Miss., 6/23/61:



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On 6/24/61, Sheriff GILFOY advised that the following individuals had been returned to Jackson, Miss. from MSP, Parchman, Miss. 6/24/61 and each released on \$500.00 cash appeal bond 6/24/61:

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 FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-246)
 SUBJ: "FREEBUS"
 RACIAL MATTERS

0 FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC.

CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
 RACIAL MATTERS

Re previous Jacksonville teletypes concerning
 captioned matters.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a
 letterhead memo dated as above concerning the "Freedom
 Riders" from Daytona Beach, Florida.

Information copies are being furnished to
 Atlanta, Miami and Tampa in view of their interest in
 the activities of these "Freedom Riders."

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Jacksonville, Florida
June 20, 1961

"Freedom Riders"
(Daytona Beach Group)

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[redacted] reporter, "Florida Times Union," Jacksonville, Florida, daily newspaper, advised on June 14, 1961, that he had received information that date from [redacted] the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Investigating Committee at Daytona Beach, Florida, that a five member team of "Freedom Riders" ~~were~~ leaving Daytona Beach, Florida, at 5:00 a.m. on June 15, 1961, to proceed to Jacksonville, Lake City, Live Oak, Madison and Tallahassee, Florida. The purpose of this trip was to check segregation practices at the bus terminals of these cities.

The Daytona Beach Group left Daytona Beach, Florida, at 5:30 a.m., June 15, 1961, via Greyhound bus and arrived at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jacksonville, Florida, at 7:30 a.m. the same date. According to [redacted] news reporter, the group consisted of the following individuals:

[redacted] white female;
[redacted] colored female; *FLA.*
[redacted] colored female;
[redacted] colored male;
[redacted] colored male.

A group of eighteen "Freedom Riders" from Washington, D. C., arrived at the Greyhound Bus Terminal a few minutes after the arrival of the Daytona Beach Group. A number of police officers and news men were on hand to meet these groups. Aside from these individuals there was no unusual crowd at the bus station; however, [redacted] a member of the Florida Ku Klux Klan, was present as an observer.

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"Freedom Riders"
(Daytona Beach Group)

Both of these groups were met by [redacted]
local NAACP member, and [redacted] NAACP member and
attorney. F16

The members of both groups used the restrooms and restaurant facilities at the terminal on an integrated basis and no incident occurred.

The Daytona Beach Group departed Jacksonville via Greyhound bus at 8:27 a.m., June 15, 1961, en route to Tallahassee, Florida. A rest stop was made at Lake City, Florida, where the group tested restroom and restaurant facilities and no incidents resulted.

The group arrived at Tallahassee, Florida, at 12:40 p.m. on the same date and had lunch in what had formerly been the all white dining room at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, and no incidents occurred. The group was joined at the Greyhound Bus Station by [redacted] colored, Tallahassee, Florida, who accompanied the group to the Trailways Bus Station in Tallahassee where tickets were purchased for Thomasville, Georgia. They departed Tallahassee, Florida, via Trailways bus at 2:00 p.m. They subsequently returned from Thomasville by Trailways bus, arriving at 3:50 p.m.

TALLAHASSEE

This group left ~~Daytona Beach~~, Florida, via Greyhound bus at 9:30 a.m. on June 16, 1961, and proceeded to Gainesville, Florida, where they arrived at 12:54 p.m. on the same date. They tested the bus terminal restroom and restaurant facilities at Gainesville, Florida, without incident and thereafter departed from Gainesville for Ocala, Florida, by Greyhound bus.

They arrived at Ocala, Florida, at 2:19 p.m. on June 16, 1961, where they tested the bus terminal facilities and were served in the restaurant without incident. However, 25 to 30 spectators gathered and observed the group.

The Daytona Beach Group boarded a Greyhound bus for Tampa, Florida, and departed Ocala, Florida, at 4:28 p.m. on June 16, 1961.

**"Freedom Riders"
(Daytona Beach Group)**

The above information was discussed on a continuing basis with [redacted] Military Intelligence (CIC), Jacksonville, Florida, and local authorities in each city through which the group passed.

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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS
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FREEDOM RIDERS- misc.

Remytel 6/9/61 regarding complaint and motion for temporary injunction filed with U. S. District Court, SDM. On 6/21/61, [REDACTED] USDC, SDM, Jackson, Miss., advised that on that date an order was filed signed by U. S. Circuit Judge ELBERT P. TUTTLE, 5th Circuit, New Orleans, La., designating himself, U. S. District Judge CLAUDE CLAYTON, NDM, and U. S. District Judge SIDNEY C. MIZE, SDM, to constitute a three-judge court to hear and determine this application for temporary injunction at the U. S. District Courtroom, Jackson, Miss., 9:30 a.m., Monday, 7/10/61.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-85)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC

For information of the Bureau and indicated offices the following information contained in news article captioned, "TWO NEGRO BAPTIST LEADERS DISAGREE ON FREEDOM RIDERS", appearing in 6/21/61 edition of St. Louis Post Dispatch, Page 3A:

Reverend Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING of Atlanta, Ga., and Reverend Dr. JOSEPH H. JACKSON of Chicago, President of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., and vice-president at large of Sunday school auxiliary, therefore, were interviewed 6/21/61 re merits of Freedom Riders' current efforts. Both were in SL for convention of Sunday school auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, 6/20-25/61. Photographs of both accompanied the article. Reverend Dr. KING defended the Freedom Riders while Reverend Dr. JACKSON questioned the value of their campaign.

Reverend DR. KING told a reporter that "the purpose of the Freedom Riders is to bring about integration of all facilities and to be able to arrive at a bus, railroad or air terminal unmolested and without undergoing any humiliating experience."

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He said he believed Negroes should continue to test segregated transportation facilities until their goal is achieved, though faced with the prospect of an indefinite period of arrest.

He further stated ICC had been asked to issue an order reaffirming the prohibition against segregation at transportation terminals. Remarked "Once that comes, it will clear the matter up once and for all."

Reverend Dr. JACKSON emphasized he was not "condemning the Freedom Riders, but said "my approach would be different."

"Having lived in Mississippi," he said at a press conference, "I know that Negroes going to jail won't touch the conscience of the segregationists. Their moral sensitivity is not that tender."

The Rev. Dr. JACKSON said that "where the laws of a state are in conflict with federal law, the state must obey the federal law."

"But this conflict must be corrected by the agencies of law, by the courts, and by the Federal Government itself. In making protest, I would make sure I was acting in harmony with the law."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-373)-

DATE: 6/26/61

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FROM : *JUT* SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-45748)

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Re Albany airtel 6/12/61.

Re airtel indicated that [redacted] born [redacted] at Philadelphia, was admitted to [redacted] as an undergraduate with advanced credit from [redacted] College in [redacted]. She has been identified by sources at Cornell University as one of the Freedom Riders, who was leaving Ithaca, N. Y., on 6/12/61 for Nashville, Tenn.

On 6/19/61, the records of the Voters Registration Commission of Philadelphia were checked by IC [redacted] and the following information was obtained:

[redacted]
Philadelphia, Pa., a student, was born at Philadelphia [redacted]. She was described as a white female, [redacted] with grey eyes and blonde hair. She first registered to vote [redacted] at which time she said she had lived [redacted] in the state and [redacted] in the district.

PHILADELPHIA
The Voters Registration Records also reflected that JONATHAN E. RHOADS, a doctor, lived at 131 West Walnut Lane. He was born in Philadelphia 5/9/07 and had resided all his life in the state. *YA*

[redacted], a student, born in *Phil. Pa.* Philadelphia, on [redacted] also voted from [redacted]

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TERESA F. ^VRHOADS, housewife, born 2/5/08 in
Massachusetts, voted from 131 West Walnut Lane. *File, PH*

The above individuals are undoubtedly [redacted]
[redacted]

On 6/20/61, IC [redacted] checked
the records of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., and the
Philadelphia Police Department, and could locate no record on
the above individuals.

The indices of the Philadelphia Office contain
no identifiable references to any of the above individuals.

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FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P

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FREEBUS. ALL NINE FR ARRESTED TRAILWAYS TERMINAL, JACKSON, JUNE
TWENTYONE, TRIED AND CONVICTED JACKSON MUNICIPAL COURT, JUNE
TWENTYTWO, FOR VIOLATION S. TWO ZERO EIGHT SEVEN POINT FIVE, MISS.
CODE. ALL SENTENCED FOUR MONTHS JAIL AND TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE.
NO INCIDENTS AT TRIAL. NO FR ARRESTED OR RELEASED BOND OR PAID
FINE SINCE JUNE TWENTYONE SUMMARY. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF
FOUR PM JUNE TWENTYTWO - TOTAL ARRESTED ONE HUNDRED FORTY. OUT ON
BOND FORTYFOUR. PAID FINES FOUR. NET IN CUSTODY NINETYTWO. ALL
FR PRISONERS EATING AT JACKSON CITY JAIL AND HINDS COUNTY JAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE //157-246// 1-P

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CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. INTERFAITH GROUP.
FIVE RIDERS DEPARTED JACKSONVILLE ON EAL FLT. EIGHT FOUR TWO AT
ONE ZERO FIVE A.M. THIS DATE. DESTINATION OF TWO IS W.D.C. AND
DESTINATION OF REMAINING IS NEWARK. FIVE RIDERS SCHEDULED TO DEPART
ON NAL FLT. ONE ONE FOUR AT ONE FIVE ZERO A.M., DESTINATION N.Y. ~~ONE~~ ARE
STILL IN JK AS PLANE IS BEING DELAYED BECAUSE OF WEATHER. ESTIMATED
DEPARTURE TIME OF FLT. ONE ONE FOUR IS NOW FIVE THREE ZERO A.M. THIS
DATE. THERE ARE NO SEGREGATED FACILITIES AT JK AIRPORT. NO INCIDENTS
OCCURRED.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *[Signature]*

DATE: June 21, 1961

FROM :

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS

FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC.

ASAC Joseph Sylvester of the New Orleans Office has furnished the following information:

The attorney for one of the freedom riders arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, 6/2/61, filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus before the U. S. District Court. A hearing was held in Biloxi, Mississippi, this morning before U. S. District Judge S. C. Mize to determine if the writ should be issued. Arguments on behalf of were presented by Attorney from New York.

The city of Jackson, Mississippi, was represented at the hearing by Jack Travis, City Prosecuting Attorney, and assistant to Travis.

Briefly the arguments presented were as follows.

Travis contended that the action was premature in that had not exhausted remedies available to her in state court.

maintained that his client could hope for no assistance in going to the Mississippi State courts and, therefore the filing of the petition in Federal Court was in order.

Judge Mize is taking the matter under consideration and will render a decision by Tuesday, 6/27/61.

continues to be confined in jail in Jackson, Mississippi.

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FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE //157-246// 1-P

0 FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC.

CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. INTERFAITH
GROUP. REMYTEL THIS DATE. REMAINING FIVE RIDERS LEFT
JACKSONVILLE ON NAL FLIGHT ONE ONE FOUR DESTINATION
NEW YORK AT FIVE THIRTY FIVE A.M. NO INCIDENTS OCCURED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 6-15-61

FROM :

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SAC D. K. Brown of the Jacksonville Office advised that the professional group had arrived in Jacksonville by bus at 1:07 p.m. (EST). This group consists of three male Negroes, two male whites, one female Negro and one female white. They were met by two local leaders of the NAACP. These individuals were [redacted] who has been active in NAACP affairs, and [redacted] an attorney.

The individuals used the ^{restaurant} ~~restroom~~ on an integrated basis without incident. They had been interviewed by newspapermen and stated that they plan to spend the night at Jacksonville and leave on the morning of 6-16-61 for St. Petersburg, Florida. Time of their departure is undecided.

The interfaith group arrived at Lake City, Florida, at 9:56 a.m. The individuals used the restroom and restaurant facilities at Lake City without incident. They departed from Lake City at 10:08 a.m. and arrived at Tallahassee at 12:40 p.m. There were about 40 spectators at Tallahassee including plainclothesmen and newspapermen. They were served on an integrated basis at the lunch counter without incident.

The Daytona Beach group arrived in Lake City, Florida, at 9:52 a.m. They departed at 10:04 a.m. from Lake City and arrived at Tallahassee at 12:40 p.m. This group used the restroom and lunch room at Lake City without incident. It was noted however, that not all of the individuals were served at Lake City in view of the fact that there was only one waitress at the lunch counter and she did not have sufficient time to wait on all.

The group used the lunch room at Tallahassee without incident. At 1:20 p.m. they left the Greyhound bus station and proceeded to the Trailways bus station where they purchased tickets to Thomasville, Georgia. These individuals are scheduled to leave Tallahassee at 2:15 p.m. and arrive at Thomasville around 3:05 p.m. Brown is alerting the Atlanta Office to this fact.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

SAC Brown advised information had also been received that a second section of the professional group was enroute to Jacksonville and was scheduled to arrive on the evening of 6-15-61.

Brown advised that information had been received that [redacted] (phonetic) [redacted] the local Klavern, Tallahassee, Florida, was at the Tallahassee Police Department at that time speaking about the possibility of arrests being made at the airport in Tallahassee inasmuch as the facilities at the airport had not been completely desegregated. It is noted that the interfaith group is scheduled to proceed to the airport and are scheduled to arrive at 3:30 p.m. (EST).

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-45748)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS
RM FREEDOM RIDERS MISC
(OO - New Orleans)

DATE: 6/16/61

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Re Albany airtel 6/5/61.

On 6/15/61, [redacted] Alumni Records Office,
University of Pennsylvania, 201 South 34th Street, Phila-
delphia, Pa., made available the following information to
SA [redacted]

[redacted] attended the Graduate School of
the University of Pennsylvania from [redacted] working
towards [redacted] At the time he was
employed by the [redacted]
Pa. The following background data was set out:

Address - [redacted] Pa.
Marital status - [redacted]
Birth data - [redacted] Oklahoma City, Okla.
Height - [redacted]
Weight - [redacted]
Hair - Brown
Eyes - Blue

The indices of the Philadelphia Office contain
no identifiable references to [redacted]
[redacted]

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 - 2 - Philadelphia (100-45748)

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 Penn State University, 1959-60.

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0 FREEDOM RIDERS -
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URGENT 6-25-61 12-36 AM PXXXXXAM JWB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC-S ATLANTA, MOBILE
FROM SAC MEMPHIS
FREEBUS, COMPLAINT OF EXCESSIVE SENTENCING OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT DONALDSONVILLE, GEORGIA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

COUNCIL ADVISED THAT SHE HAS JUST RECEIVED INFO THAT A
NEWS ARTICLE APPEARED IN MONTGOMERY, ALA., NEWSPAPER
THIS DATE STATING THAT [REDACTED] A FORMER FREEDOM
RIDER, WAS ARRESTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES DONALDSONVILLE,
GA., FOR PUBLIC DRUNK AND GIVEN A ONE YEAR SENTENCE.

ARTICLE STATED [REDACTED] HAD BEEN PUT OFF L AND N TRAIN BY
CONDUCTOR AT DONALDSONVILLE. [REDACTED] ADVISED HAS BEEN
UNABLE TO CONTACT SHERIFF AT DONALDSONVILLE BY PHONE
TO VERIFY ARTICLE. STATES [REDACTED] LEFT NASHVILLE ON

WEDNESDAY JUNE TWENTYONE, BY L AND N SOUTHWIND ENROUTE

HOME ORLANDO, FLA. SHE ASSUMES ARREST OCCURRED ON

THURSDAY. [REDACTED] STATES THAT SHE FEELS THE SENTENCE OF

ONE YEAR IS HARSH FOR PUBLIC DRUNK CHARGE EVEN THOUGH

[REDACTED] REPORTEDLY PLED GUILTY. SHE BELIEVES EXTREME
SENTENCE POSSIBLE GIVEN BECAUSE [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED AS

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FREEDOM RIDER. [] WAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED IF FURNISHING
THE INFORMATION AS CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT. SHE STATED
SHE WAS NOT SINCE SHE DOES NOT KNOW DETAILS SURROUNDING
ARREST. SHE MERELY DESIRED THAT FEDERAL AUTHORITIES BE
AWARE OF SITUATION. SHE STATES SHE IS ATTEMPTING TO HAVE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA CHECK ON
THIS SITUATION. [] PRESENTLY ON BOND FROM JACKSON,
MISS. , WHERE ARRESTED AS FREEDOM RIDER. ABOVE INFO
FURNISHED BUREAU ATLANTA AND MOBILE WITH AM COPY TO NEW
ORLEANS. MEMPHIS TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION UACB.

~~EN CORRECTION PLS PLEASE INSERT AFTER TO LINE~~
~~FROM SAC, MEMPHIS~~

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Date: 6/20/61

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plain text or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, ATLANTA, JACKSONVILLE, ~~NEW YORK~~FROM: SAC, WFO *FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC.*

CORE, RACIAL MATTERS, FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. REMYTEL

JUNE NINETEEN LAST. [REDACTED]

NATIONAL

AIRPORT, ADVISED BUREAU AGENT TODAY THAT JULIUS HOBSON, PRESIDENT,

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, CORE, PURCHASED THREE ONE WAY TICKETS TO

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., IN NAME OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE THREE SEVEN

DEPARTING AT FIVE FORTYFIVE PM JUNE TWENTY. HOBSON LATER

CANCELLED TICKETS AND MADE RESERVATIONS FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE THREE SEVEN DEPARTING

NATIONAL AIRPORT FIVE FORTYFIVE PM JUNE TWENTYTHREE NEXT TO

ARRIVE ATLANTA SEVEN FORTYTWO PM, DEPART ATLANTA EIGHT FIFTY PM

EASTERN AIRLINE FLIGHT NINE FIVE THREE ARRIVE TALLAHASSEE

TEN FORTYSIX PM, JUNE TWENTYTHREE NEXT. HOBSON UNAVAILABLE

FOR CONTACT TODAY. WFO WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY AND REPORT PERTINENT

DEVELOPMENTS. COPY SENT TO MOBILE BY AIRMAIL.

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TO, DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SACS, WASHINGTON FIELD /100-35588/, AND NEW
ORLEANS /157-264/

FROM, SAC, PHILADELPHIA /100-41460/

FREEBUS. RM. CR. RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU SIX TWENTYFOUR LAST. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE
PAST, ADVISED ON SIX TWENTYTWO LAST THAT ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COMMUNIST PARTY OF EASTERN PENNA.

AND DELAWARE / CPEPD/, STATED THAT [REDACTED]

WAS THEN ON A TRIP TO THE SOUTH WITH THE FREEDOM RIDERS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS A MEMBER OF THE [REDACTED]

CPEPD/.

[REDACTED] IS DESCRIBED AS WF. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BLACK HAIR, [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-318

FREEBUS, RM, CR, RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPES JUNE TWENTY ONE AND
TWENTY THREE AND NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL JUNE TWENTY THREE LAST.

ALL RIDERS IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTLY IN NEW
ORLEANS AND DEPARTING ENROUTE JACKSON, MISS. ON CAPTIONED
TRAIN SEVEN TEN AM JUNETWENTY FIVE NEXT, ACCORDING TO

CORE, NEW ORLEANS, WHO SAYS GROUP OF TWENTY ONE

IS NOW COMPLETE. CORRECT NAME OF

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-246/ 3P

CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. INTERFAITH
GROUP OF FREEDOM RIDERS ^{misc.} APPEARED CITY COURT, TALLAHASSEE,
FLA., AT NINE AM TODAY WITH TWO SHERIFFS PATROL CARS
FOLLOWING GROUP FROM BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH TO CITY HALL
WITHOUT INCIDENT. TEN INTERFAITH MEMBERS AND THREE LOCAL
DEFENDANTS REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEYS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MIAMI ATTORNEYS RETAINED BY FLORIDA CIVIL LIBERTIES
UNION. CITY OF TALLAHASSEE REPRESENTED BY CITY PROSECUTOR
ED HILL AND CITY ATTORNEY JAMES MESSER. TRIAL PROCEEDED
BEFORE CITY JUDGE WITHOUT JURY FROM NINE AM UNTIL SIX
PM WITH NOON RECESS. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS CHALLENGED CONSTI-
TUTIONALITY OF UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY LAW AS WELL AS RIGHT OF
PD TO MAKE ARRESTS OF MEMBERS OF GROUP AT AIR TERMINAL. CHARGES
AGAINST [REDACTED] LOCAL DEFENDANTS,
DISMISSED. AT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN FIFTEEN PM TODAY CITY
JUDGE JOHN RUDD FOUND THE TEN MEMBERS OF THE INTERFAITH GROUP
AND [REDACTED] COLORED FEMALE, A TALLAHASSEE MEMBER
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OF CORE GUILTY. TEN MEMBERS INTERFAITH GROUP SENTENCED TO SIXTY DAYS IN JAIL OR FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SENTENCED TO FIVE DAYS IN JAIL, MANDATORY, AND

TO PAY A TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE OR SIXTY DAYS. FURTHER WAS REQUIRED BY SENTENCING JUDGE TO SERVE [REDACTED]

ALL DEFENDANTS HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY AND

[REDACTED] ADDITIONALLY CHARGED WITH RESISTING ARREST AND

INTERFERING WITH POLICE OFFICER. IMMEDIATELY AFTER SENTENCING DEFENSE ATTORNEY [REDACTED] REQUESTED LOCAL BONDSMAN [REDACTED]

TO POST ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR SUPERSEDEAS BONDS FOR EACH OF ELEVEN CONVICTED PERSONS. BONDS POSTED AND ALL RELEASED INCLUDING [REDACTED] DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ANNOUNCED THEY PLAN IMMEDIATE DIRECT APPEAL TO FLORIDA SUPREME COURT. DURING TRIAL TWELVE TO FIFTEEN OFFICERS PATROLLED COURT ROOM AND ADJACENT AREA. NO CROWDS, DEMONSTRATIONS, OR INCIDENTS.

FOLLOWING TRIAL INTERFAITH GROUP WITH ATTORNEYS AND SEVERAL LOCAL INTEGRATION LEADERS RETURNED TO BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH. TEN MEMBERS OF GROUP HAVE RESERVATIONS NATIONAL AIRLINES
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FLIGHT THREE ONE FOUR DEPARTING TALLAHASSEE ELEVEN FORTYTWO
PM TONIGHT FOR JACKSONVILLE WITH CONNECTIONS FOR NEW YORK.
BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEPARTURE. POLICE OFFICERS AND
DEPUTY SHERIFFS WILL BE STATIONED TERMINAL UNTIL DEPARTURE.
RESTAURANT AT AIR TERMINAL WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL
DEPARTURE. LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND CIC COGNIZANT. LETTERHEAD
MEMO FOLLOWS.

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URGENT 6-20-61 1-51 PM EST ESC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI, SACS BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-232/ 1P

FREEBUS, RM. RE MEMPHIS TEL JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST. GREYHOUND

BUS NO. M FIVE THREE FIVE SIX DEPARTED ATLANTA TERMINAL
TWELVE THIRTYFIVE PM TODAY, DUE TO ARRIVE MONTGOMERY, ALA.

FOUR FIFTYFIVE PM. THERE ARE TEN FREEDOM RIDERS ABOARD

INCLUDING THREE WHITE FEMALES, FOUR NEGRO MALES ONE NEGRO FEMALE
AND TWO WHITE MALES. TWO ARE FROM THE NASHVILLE GROUP MENTIONED

IN RETEL. [REDACTED] OF THE

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, IS ABOARD.

SEVERAL UNKNOWN WHITE MALE HECKLERS OBSERVED AT TERMINAL.

NO ATTEMPT TO USE FACILITIES AND NO VIOLENCE. LETTERHEAD
MEMO WITH IDENTITIES OF ALL RIDERS FOLLOWS.

END ACK

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URGENT 6/18/61 1-27 PM EST JSP
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-232/ 1P

FREBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. [REDACTED] STUDENT NON-VIOLENT

COORDINATING COMMITTEE, ATLANTA, ADVISED THIS P.M., HE
RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT FIVE STUDENTS ARE LEAVING NASHVILLE,
TENN., FIVE P.M., THIS DATE, FOR JACKSON, MISS., VIA BIRMINGHAM,
ALA., BY TRAILWAYS BUS. GROUP CONSISTS OF FOUR NEGRO MALES
AND ONE WHITE MALE.

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URGENT 6-20-61 7-07PM MCM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS
FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-96/

FREEBUS, RM. RE ATLANTA TEL JUNE TWENTY INSTANT. NINE FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC

ARRIVED MONTGOMERY, ALA., FIVE ZERO ONE PM THIS DATE VIA GREYHOUND
BUS ACCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED] OF THE SCLC

[REDACTED] GROUP COMPOSED OF FOUR NEGRO MALES, ONE NEGRO FEMALE
ONE WHITE MALE AND THREE WHITE FEMALES. MET AT STATION BY REV.
RALPH ABERNATHY AND AN UNKNOWN NEGRO MALE. ADVISED PRESS SPENDING
NIGHT WITH ABERNATHY. MONTGOMERY POLICE COVERED STATION WITH APP-
ROXIMATELY FIFTY UNIFORM AND PLAIN CLOTHES OFFICERS. SMALL
GROUPS OF SPECTATORS PRESENT IN VIEW OF PRIOR PRESS RELEASE AND FORCED
TO MOVE AWAY FROM STATION BY POLICE. APPROXIMATELY FIFTY WHITE MALES
AND FEMALES GATHERED ACROSS FROM STATION BUT NO ACTIVITY ON THEIR
PART. THREE ANNONOMOUS TELEPHONE CALLS RECEIVED BY BUS STATION
OFFICIALS THAT BOMBS HAD BEEN PLACED IN STATION. POLICE CLEARED AREA
IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH CALL. [REDACTED] ADVISED PRESS THAT PLANS
NOT DEFINATE BUT GROUP WILL PROBABLY PROCEED TO JACKSON, MISS., JUNE
TWENTY ONE OR TWO NEXT. CONTACT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH HIM AND
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HE STATED HE WILL ADVISE FBI AS SOON AS DECISION REACHED. AT SIX FIFT-
EEN PM THIS DATE ASST. CHIEF [REDACTED] STATED ANNONOMOUS CALL RE-
CEIVED BY MONTGOMERY POLICE FROM A YOUNG MALE THAT A BOMB PLACED IN
POST OFFICE SET TO EXPLODE AT SEVEN PM. POST MASTERS, POSTAL IN-
SPECTOR AND CUSTODIAL STAFF ADVISED AND POLICE ASSISTING IN SEARCH
BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPEMENTS.

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Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	_____
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Mr. Rosen	✓
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TO DIRECTOR FBI ~~157-387-397~~ AND SACS NEW ORLEANS ~~157-264~~ AND ATLANTA
FROM SAC MOBILE ~~157-96~~ 2P

FREEBUS, RM. [REDACTED] SOUTHERN

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, ADVISED TODAY THAT FOLLOW-
ING PERSONS MEMBER OF FREEDOM RIDE GROUP WHICH DEPARTED BY
TRAILWAYS BUS NO. T DASH TWO NINE FIVE THREE, ELEVEN

THIRTYTWO AM FROM MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, EN ROUTE TO JACKSON,
MISSISSIPPI - MELVIN WHITE, CM, REPLACING [REDACTED]

CM, [REDACTED] CM, [REDACTED] WM,

[REDACTED] CM, [REDACTED] WF, OF BROOKLYN,

N. Y., [REDACTED] WF, OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WF, OF BOSTON, MASS., [REDACTED] CM, AND

[REDACTED] CF. [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] RETURNING

ATLANTA BY AIR, LEAVING MONTGOMERY TWO FORTYFIVE PM TODAY

WITH [REDACTED] WF, FREEDOM RIDER WHO PRECEDED ABOVE

GROUP TO MONTGOMERY. FREEDOM RIDERS GROUP ABOVE TESTED

FACILITIES MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TRAILWAYS STATION ELEVEN

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FIFTEEN AM AND WERE SERVED BY COLORED WAITER. THEY WERE REQUIRED TO EXHIBIT INTERSTATE TICKETS AND WERE SERVED AS A GROUP. WHILE THEY WERE LOADING INTO BUS ELEVEN TWENTY AM, A FIRECRACKER EXPLODED UNDER OR NEAR ANOTHER BUS APPROXIMATELY THIRTY YARDS AWAY CAUSING SOME EXCITEMENT BUT NO DAMAGE OR INJURIES. NO OTHER INCIDENTS IN THIS DEPARTURE. MO NINETYTHREE DASH C PAREN RAC PAREN ADVISED TODAY THAT TWO MEMBERS US KLANS, KKK INC., SELMA, ALABAMA, RECENTLY DISCUSSED FORMULATING PLANS TO AMBUSH UNSPECIFIED FREEDOM RIDERS BUS GENERAL VICINITY OF SELMA ON HIGHWAY, SPECIFICS OF PLAN BEING TO KILL BUS DRIVER WITH RIFLE SHOT CAUSING BUS TO WRECK. THIS INFORMATION BEING OFFERED TO ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND TO MONTGOMERY SO AND WILL BE FURNISHED TO SO, DALLAS COUNTY, COVERING SELMA, ALABAMA.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

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URGENT 6/21/61 9-32 AM CST TEK

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /95-97032/ AND SAC NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-96/ 1 P

FREEBUS, RM. [REDACTED] ADVISED THIS DATE

GROUP OF NINE FREEDOM RIDERS WHO ARRIVED MONTGOMERY AT
SIX TWENTY INSTANT PLAN TO DEPART MONTGOMERY FOR JACKSON,
MISSISSIPPI, ELEVEN THIRTY AM THIS DATE VIA TRAILWAYS BUS.

PLAN TO TEST FACILITIES AT TRAILWAYS BUS STATION IN MONTGOMERY
AND JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. GROUP CONSISTS OF [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED] BOTH NEGROES, [REDACTED] NM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NM, [REDACTED] NM, [REDACTED]

WM, [REDACTED] WF, [REDACTED] WF, [REDACTED]

WF. BUREAU AND NEW ORLEANS WILL BE ADVISED BUS NUMBER AND
ANY CHANGES IN COMPOSITION OF GROUP AFTER DEPARTURE FROM
MONTGOMERY.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-246/

CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. INFORMATION

RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] EASTERN AIRLINES TICKET AGENT

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, MUNICIPAL ^{AIRPORT} THAT EIGHT MEMBERS

OF INTERFAITH GROUP OF ^{MISC.} FREEDOM RIDERS WHO WERE ARRESTED BY

LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT TALLAHASSEE JUNE SIXTEEN LAST AND

SUBSEQUENTLY MADE BAIL AND RETURNED NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, JUNE

SEVENTEEN LAST, ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TALLAHASSEE

AIRPORT FOUR SEVENTEEN PM EST TODAY ON EAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN

THREE FROM NEWARK, NEW JERSEY. CHIEF DEPUTY [REDACTED]

COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, HAS ADVISED HIS DEPARTMENT WILL

HAVE FIVE OR SIX DEPUTIES IN TERMINAL UPON ARRIVAL OF GROUP.

IN ADDITION, THREE TALLAHASSEE CITY POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE

ON DUTY INSIDE TERMINAL WITH TWO ON OUTSIDE. [REDACTED] STATES

PLANS AS NOW EXIST ARE FOR RESTAURANT TO BE CLOSED PRIOR TO

ARRIVAL OF THIS GROUP. [REDACTED] STATES DEFINITE PLANS

FORMULATED THAT IF THE AIRPORT RESTAURANT IS OPENED AND

CORRECTION ---- LINE 3 INSERT AS 4TH WORD "AIRPORT"

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FREEDOM RIDERS ATTEMPT TO TEST FACILITIES, THEY WILL BE REFUSED SERVICE BY THE MANAGEMENT AND REQUESTED TO LEAVE THE PREMISES. IF THEY REFUSE TO LEAVE FOLLOWING REQUEST AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS REQUESTED TO GIVE ASSISTANCE, ARRESTS WILL BE MADE FOR VIOLATION OF FLORIDA STATUTE FIVE ZERO NINE POINT ONE FOUR ONE OF THE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT COMMISSION REGULATIONS, WHICH ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] GIVE THE OWNER OF A RESTAURANT THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANYONE SERVICE.

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISES THAT IF THE GROUP ASSEMBLES IN THE TERMINAL LOBBY FOR AN UNREASONABLE LENGTH OF TIME AND REFUSES TO MOVE ON WHEN SO ORDERED, THE TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY ARREST THE GROUP ON CHARGE OF UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY. TALLAHASSEE CITY PROSECUTOR ED HILL HAS ADVISED THE SHERIFFS OFFICE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO HANDLE ANY ARRESTS IN THE RESTAURANT SO THAT A JUDGEMENT MAY ALSO BE TESTED IN LEON COUNTY COURT AT TALLAHASSEE. HILL STATED HE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED]

ALL

[REDACTED]
MIAMI ATTORNEYS, HAVE BEEN RETAINED BY THE FLORIDA CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, SEVEN ZERO SIX AINSLEY BUILDING, MIAMI,

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FLORIDA, TO REPRESENT THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERFAITH GROUPD
AT THEIR TRIAL FOR UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE
NINE AM, JUNE TWENTY SECOND NEXT, AT TALLAHASSEE. ONE OR
MORE OF THESE ATTORNEYS EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT FOR TRIAL.
HILL STATED FEELS MIAMI ATTORNEYS FOR THE FLORIDA CIVIL
LIBERTIES UNION WILL CONTEST THE RIGHT OF CITY POLICE TO
MAKE ARRESTS AT THE AIRPORT TERMINAL WHICH LIES OUTSIDE CITY
LIMITS, ALTHOUGH CITY PROPERTY. HILL FEELS DEFENSE LAWYERS
WILL ALSO TEST CONSTITUTIONALITY OF UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY LAW,
A MISDEMEANOR. CHIEF OF POLICE STOUTAMIRE ADVISED SUFFICIENT
POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO COURT
ROOM AND IMMEDIATE OUTSIDE AREA OF CITY HALL TO HANDLE ANY
POTENTIAL INCIDENT.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-24927)

FREEBUS

Remyairtel 6/14/61 and mytel 6/16/61.

Enclosed herewith are six copies of letterhead memorandum captioned "CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY."

Source used to characterize _____ is _____

Sources used to characterize Socialist Workers Party are _____

_____ listed in airtel of 6/14/61 as scheduled, apparently did not make the trip to New Orleans.

This memorandum is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ inasmuch as it contains information from confidential informants of continuing value the disclosure of which could jeopardize the effectiveness thereof.

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DATE 1-17-90

BY SP1/AM/EX-123 (IS+CR)

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DATE FORW. 6/27/61

HOW FORW. R/S

BY SP1/AM/EX-123

C. C. Wick

53 JUL 6 1961

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Francisco, California
June 20, 1961

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CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

The "San Francisco Examiner" newspaper of June 20, 1961, contained an article listing the roster of individuals from the San Francisco Bay Area scheduled to depart New Orleans, Louisiana, for Jackson, Mississippi, on June 20, 1961, as Freedom Riders. *copy*

Included among those listed were BURON TEALE, JOSEPH PRATT, LORENZO TRISS, FRITZ MUNTEAN, DUNCAN McCONNELL and BILL WAGNER. *b6 b7C*

A source which has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that [redacted] was a member of the Oakland-Berkeley Branch, Socialist Workers Party, during the period of February 1959 to May 1960, at which time [redacted] dropped out of the Oakland-Berkeley Branch due to [redacted] with some of the members of the branch.

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ON *1-17-90*

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY - SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

A source advised on August 1, 1960, that the San Francisco Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was formed approximately in the early part of 1938 and the Oakland Branch of the SWP was formed in the latter part of 1938.

A second source advised on October 26, 1959, that the name of the Oakland Branch of the SWP was changed to the Oakland-Berkeley Branch of the SWP.

A third source advised on May 1, 1961, that the San Francisco Branch and the Oakland-Berkeley Branch of the SWP follow the policies and directives of the National SWP with which they are affiliated.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Via _____

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~95-97032~~)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264B)

RE: FREEBUS *FREEDOM RIDERS - MISS.*
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Re Mobile airtel to Bureau dated 6/12/61.

The following estimated costs were incurred in
this division for the week ending 6/17/61:

	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours
Agents	116	79
Clerical	61	2

Miles Driven: 190

Other unusual costs include the following:

\$245.07 toll calls on telephone 355-6387, Jackson,
Miss., after certain direct lines were discontinued.

\$109.10, New Orleans to Jackson line, one week.

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2-New Orleans

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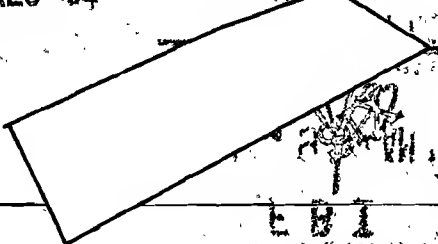
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C. C. Wick



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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

DATE: 6/23/61

FROM :

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

Freedom Riders - Misc

Tolson	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____
Evans	_____
Malone	_____
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Sullivan	_____
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At 12:48 a.m., ASAC Sylvester, New Orleans, was requested to expedite submission of the daily summary and was instructed that New Orleans should continue to state in the daily summary whether or not any freedom riders are engaging in a hunger strike. Sylvester was also requested to ascertain the identities of the two individuals in addition to who intended to file writs of habeas corpus.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*

DATE: June 26, 1961

FROM :

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

Freedom Riders - misc

It was stated in a radio newscast at 5:30 a. m., 6/26/61 that 24 freedom riders were arrested at Jackson 6/25/61. Information from New Orleans has indicated that only 20 were arrested.

At 5:50 a. m., SAC Maynor was informed of the newscast and asked to verify the number arrested.

At 6:05 a. m., 6/26/61 SAC Maynor advised that information previously furnished the FBI is correct and there definitely were only 20 arrests at Jackson yesterday.

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TO SAC LOS ANGELES

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

MISC
PROPOSED FREEDOM RIDERS TRIP TO JACKSON, MISS., RM. RE LOS
ANGELES AIRTEL JUNE SEVENTEEN, SIXTYONE. LOS ANGELES
ASCERTAIN IF GROUP BEING SPONSORED BY CONGRESS OF RACIAL
EQUALITY, IDENTIFY MEMBERS OF GROUP, CHECK INDEX, DETERMINE
TRAVEL PLANS. SUTEL NEW ORLEANS. BUREAU ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 24, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

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Four Negroes were arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, on 6/23/61 when they entered the white waiting room at the Trailways bus terminal to wait for a bus to New Orleans and refused to move on. They allegedly wished to prove that the Negroes at Jackson are not complacent. The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) anticipates additional activity of this type at Jackson.

Since 5/24/61, 144 freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson. Forty-four have been released on bond, four have been released upon payment of fines and 96 remain in custody.

Although all freedom riders in the Jackson city jail and the Hinds County jail are eating, five of those at Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, have engaged in a hunger strike. The hunger strikers are separated from the other freedom riders. Two of the five were observed eating and were returned to the group that is eating.

[redacted] one of the hunger strikers at Mississippi State Penitentiary, alleges he has not eaten for 21 days. He weighed 127 pounds, 6/16/61, and weighed 124 1/2 pounds on 6/20/61. The prison doctor states [redacted] is in good health and believes he is actually eating. [redacted] told prison officials on 6/23/61 he is on a hunger strike for "the good of the cause" and will not eat until buses at Jackson are integrated. He said that he is not sick.

[redacted] CORE, New York, has reportedly received a letter from [redacted] alleging that the FBI is "working more against us than anything else - they were supposed to be protecting us from the mobs - but they gave all information on us (after checking it) to the Jackson police. They told [redacted] that the people in his cell had very bad records (court martials, etc.) and I guess you know the rest." [redacted] letter was to [redacted] who furnished it to [redacted]

We have not furnished Jackson police with background information on the freedom riders although the usual Identification Division records have been sent out upon the receipt of fingerprints. We did not interview [redacted] the freedom rider to whom [redacted] apparently refers. A separate memorandum is being prepared concerning [redacted] letter.

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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COPY TO MR. TOLSON

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

The three freedom riders, who were to proceed from Washington, D. C. to Tallahassee, Florida, on 6/23/61 changed their plans and flew to New Orleans on 6/23/61. [redacted] CORE, New Orleans, advised that the three freedom riders from Washington, D. C. are joining the freedom riders who have come to New Orleans from Los Angeles and San Francisco, California, and Tucson, Arizona. The combined group of 21 will proceed to Jackson, Mississippi, by Illinois Central Railroad train, City of New Orleans, leaving New Orleans 7:10 AM, 6/25/61 and arriving at Jackson, 10:20 AM (CST) 6/25/61, (12:20 PM, Washington time).

The local press at Honolulu, Hawaii, reported on 6/23/61, that sympathizers of the freedom riders will picket when Governor John Patterson of Alabama arrives in Honolulu on 6/24/61. This item was furnished to the paper by John Reinecke, who was convicted under the Smith Act as a Communist Party functionary in Honolulu but whose conviction was reversed by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1958. Reinecke said he will lead the pickets.

HAWAII

Third Army Headquarters, Atlanta, has reported that Paul D. Johnson, Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi, has received a letter from Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission which alleges that 2,000 freedom riders coming from New York and Chicago by all means of transportation will appear in all major cities in Mississippi during the week of 7/4/61.

[redacted] New Orleans Chapter of CORE, has received a letter from CORE, New York, encouraging the picketing on 7/4/61 of the Federal building housing Department of Justice offices and offices of Illinois Central Railroad. [redacted] said that this is part of a nation-wide plan but discretion rests with individual CORE chapters as to whether picketing will occur in any given locality. [redacted] doubts that picketing will occur in New Orleans.

ACTION

A memorandum is being prepared for the information of the Attorney General

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 6/27/61

FROM : [REDACTED]

Time of Call: 2:20 p.m.

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
UNKNOWN VICTIMSAlleged Brutality in Hinds County Jail
CIVIL RIGHTSO
FREEDOM RIDERS - M15 [REDACTED]

New York Office has advised that they have been in contact with [REDACTED] complainant in this case. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is out looking for a job with a couple of his friends and she did not know when he would return to his home at Oceanside, New York. New York Office has made arrangements with [REDACTED] to have him contact the Resident Agency when he returns.

New York is endeavoring to locate [REDACTED] during the afternoon.

Another freedom rider, [REDACTED], has called the New York Office regarding the matter of brutality at the Hinds County Jail and arrangements have been made for [REDACTED] to be interviewed at 4:00 p.m. this date.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-225892)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (157-231)

CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
RACIAL MATTERS

FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC.

Re my airtel, 6/7/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a letterhead memo reflecting results of contacts with [redacted] Va. Copies of the letterhead memo are also being furnished offices receiving this communication.

The contacts with [redacted]

were made by SAs [redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Richmond, Virginia

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RE Congress of Racial Equality

On June 12, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] Virginia, informed she had arrived in [redacted] from Richmond, Virginia the night of June 9, 1961, and planned to spend the summer in [redacted]. She said she had no plans for taking part in the "Freedom Rides" in the immediate future.

On June 19, 1961, [redacted] informed that she is now engaged in the business of remodeling her home, and does not know when or if she will take part in "Freedom Rides". She said that she has not been in contact with anyone connected with Congress of Racial Equality, and for the moment her plans are most indefinite. She said she would advise the Richmond Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation should she later decide to take part in "Freedom Rides".

Captain [redacted] Police Department, Danville, Virginia related on June 12, 1961, that his records indicate [redacted]

Virginia was born in Boston, Massachusetts on [redacted] and has Danville Police Number [redacted]. He said she has been employed for some time as a [redacted]

Captain [redacted] informed that [redacted] has the following arrest record with his department:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
10/20/51	[redacted]	[redacted]
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3/19/52		

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: 0 RIDERS-MISC.
FREEDOM/RIDE, 1961
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Re enclosed memo 6/20/61. DATE 09-28-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

The source mentioned in letterhead memo was identified
by [redacted] CIC, as [redacted]
[redacted] and a [redacted]
[redacted] State of Miss. [redacted] requested that [redacted] identity
not be disclosed outside of the FBI.

Copies furnished for information Memphis, New York,
and Chicago.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

On June 20, 1961, [redacted] Resident Agent,
CIC, Region IV, 111th CIC Group, Jackson, Mississippi, furnished
the following information:

A source, who requested that his identity be protected
and whose reliability is unknown to CIC, advised a CIC Agent
on June 18, 1961 that on June 15, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted] had received a letter
from the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission stating that
about 2,000 Freedom Riders are expected to arrive in all major
cities of Mississippi during the week of July 4, 1961, using
all modes of transportation. This source advised that this
information had been furnished to the Sovereignty Commission
from informants in New York City and Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] had no further information concerning the
above matter.

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

ASAC Sylvester of the New Orleans Office has
 furnished the following information:

With reference to the petition filed on behalf
 of [redacted] for a writ of habeas corpus,
 Judge S. C. Mize, U. S. District Court, has denied the
 petition on the basis that [redacted] has not exhausted all
 the remedies available to her in the state courts. Judge
 Mize has stated that he will consider the petition further
 for the purpose of determining whether he should retain
 jurisdiction over the matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-373)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-391)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS *0 FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC.*
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Enclosed herewith are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned activity.

The source mentioned in the enclosed memo is

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

June 21, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

Bureau 157-373

New York 157-391

Re: Freedom Ride, 1961
Racial Matters; Destruction
of Aircraft or Motor Vehicle;
Civil Rights

On June 20, 1961, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Congressman Emanuel Celler was the principal speaker at a rally for the New Freedom Movement in the South, held on June 16, 1961, at the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, 480 Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

This same source advised that the rally was sponsored by the Brooklyn Chapter of the Congress On Racial Equality.

According to this same source, several Communist Party members were present, but they did not take part in the program, nor did they control or direct the rally.

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DATE: June 23, 1961

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 With respect to the freedom riders scheduled to travel from Washington, D. C., to Tallahassee, Florida, today, ASAC Howell of the Washington Field Office has advised that their plans have been changed.

This group originally planned to depart from Washington, D. C., by Eastern Air Lines at 5:45 p. m., 6/23/61 to arrive at Tallahassee at 10:46 p. m., the same date.

The Washington Field Office has learned that plans were changed today and the three freedom riders departed Washington at 11:45 a. m., 6/23/61 en route to New Orleans, Louisiana. They have a stopover at Atlanta, Georgia, at 1:08 p. m. and are scheduled to arrive in New Orleans at 2:25 p. m. (Central Standard Time). Their plans upon arrival at New Orleans are not presently known.

Atlanta, New Orleans, and Jacksonville have been advised and Washington Field instructed New Orleans to attempt to determine the future plans of this group.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

RIDERS - MISC.
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AIRTEL JUNE TWENTY LAST AND ENCLOSED LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM.
KEEP BUREAU IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF ANY INFORMATION RELATIVE
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Teletype to NO, ME, CG, NY
Re: Freedom Ride, 1961

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NOTE:

Info received that Miss. State Sovereignty Commission advised [redacted] that 2,000 freedom riders expected to arrive all major cities of the state week of 7/4/61. Info allegedly received by Sovereignty Commission from informants. NYC and CG. Info attributed to G-2 was furnished to SA [redacted] by [redacted] advised the source and reliability of this information is unknown.

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TO SAC JACKSONVILLE
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FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC.*

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IMMEDIATELY ADVISE STATUS OF SUIT REPORTEDLY FILED BY MAIL
BY NAACP. RETEL INDICATED ENVELOPE WOULD BE OPENED MONDAY,
JUNE TWENTY SIX LAST.

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NOTE:

Retel indicated suit to force integration, Tallahassee, Fla, Airport restaurant reportedly filed by mail 6/23/61. Envelope reportedly unopened since clerk of court on vacation. Deputy clerk of court, Tallahassee, reportedly stated envelope would be opened Monday. Suit to be filed in USDC.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-250)

RE: "FREEBUS"
RACIAL MATTERS

CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
RACIAL MATTERS

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ReMyAirtel 6/20/61, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned "FREEDOM RIDERS" (SECTION TWO, PROFESSIONAL GROUP), suitable for dissemination. MISC.

This matter is being followed by the Jacksonville Division and the Bureau will be kept advised of any pertinent developments.

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Jacksonville, Florida
June 22, 1961

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"FREEDOM RIDERS"
(SECTION TWO, PROFESSIONAL GROUP)

[redacted] who were among the group of "Freedom Riders" on the Second Section - Professional Group en route via Greyhound Bus from Jacksonville, Florida, to Tampa, Florida, on June 16, 1961, were arrested by the Marion County Sheriff's Office at the Greyhound Bus Station, Ocala, Florida, on that date, and charged with: (1) Failure to obey the lawful order of an officer; (2) Attempting to incite a riot. They all appeared before Judge Lewis O. Myers, Marion County Judges Court, Ocala, on June 16, 1961; bond set at \$500 each charge on each of the above individuals. They were released on bond on that date, with bonds returnable June 21, 1961.

The records of the Marion County Judges Court, Ocala, as checked on June 21, 1961, reflect the above persons were arraigned before Judge Lewis O. Myers, Jr., on that date and all entered pleas of not guilty to the above charges. They were represented by [redacted] Jacksonville, Florida, attorney. Judge Myers set trial date for all three as July 5, 1961.

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**"FREEDOM RIDERS"
(SECTION TWO, PROFESSIONAL GROUP)**

HERBERT EBENEZER CALLENDER, LESLIE LEE SMITH, and JAMES RICHARD O'CONNOR, who were among the group of "Freedom Riders" on the Second Section - Professional Group en route via Greyhound Bus from Jacksonville, Florida, to Tampa, Florida, on June 16, 1961; were arrested by the Marion County Sheriff's Office at the Greyhound Bus Station, Ocala, Florida, on that date, and charged with: (1) Failure to obey the lawful order of an officer; (2) Attempting to incite a riot. They all appeared before Judge Lewis O. Myers, Marion County Judges Court, Ocala, on June 16, 1961; bond set at \$500 each charge on each of the above individuals. They were released on bond on that date, with bonds returnable June 21, 1961.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-246)

SUBJECT: "FREEBUS"
RACIAL SITUATION;
CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY.
RACIAL MATTERS.

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Re previous Jacksonville tels concerning captioned matter.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum dated as above concerning the first section of the Professional Group of Freedom Riders while in the Jacksonville Division. One copy of this memorandum is being furnished interested offices for information.

The source utilized in the enclosed memorandum is [redacted] of the Congress of Racial Equality, New York City.

The identify of the source was concealed only in that instance where necessary.

Information contained in the enclosed memorandum was discussed with CIC and local authorities on a daily basis.

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"FREEDOM RIDERS"
(SECTION ONE, PROFESSIONAL GROUP)

A source who is in a position to furnish reliable information advised the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 11, 1961, that two groups of "Freedom Riders" would leave Washington, D. C., on June 13, 1961, via Greyhound Bus, making various stops in southern States to determine if bus terminal facilities were integrated. One group reportedly consisted of eighteen clergymen, while the other group, which subsequently separated into two sections, was made up of fourteen professional and union people.

This memorandum will deal only with the first section of the Professional Group of the "Freedom Riders" to arrive in Jacksonville, Florida. Information concerning the second section of the Professional Group and the eighteen clergymen, referred to above, are the subjects of other memoranda.

The first section of the Professional Group arrived at the Greyhound Bus Station in Jacksonville, Florida, at 1:07 p. m. on June 15, 1961, where they were met by [redacted] National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) member, and [redacted] NAACP member and attorney.

This group used the Greyhound Bus Terminal Restaurant on an integrated basis and received very little attention from individuals in the bus terminal.

A number of Police Officers and newsmen were on hand when the group arrived. Aside from these individuals, there was no unusual crowd at the bus station and no incidents occurred.

[redacted] advised Detective Lieutenant [redacted] Intelligence Division, Jacksonville, Florida, Police Department, that this group planned to remain in Jacksonville until June 16, 1961, and would stay in private homes in Jacksonville the night of June 15, 1961.

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"FREEDOM RIDERS"
(SECTION ONE, PROFESSIONAL GROUP).

On the morning of June 16, 1961, this group, composed of three white males, two colored males, one white female and one colored female, arrived at the Greyhound Bus Station, Jacksonville, Florida, at approximately 5:50 a. m. They again tested the terminal facilities on an integrated basis and no incidents occurred and no spectators were present.

The Greyhound Bus containing this group departed from Jacksonville, Florida, at 6:15 a. m. on June 16, 1961, enroute to Tampa, Florida.

The bus made a rest stop at Ocala, Florida, at 9:04 a. m., where all members of the group disembarked from the bus and immediately tested the rest room and waiting room facilities.

They then ate at the Greyhound Bus Station Cafeteria and were served without incident. The group departed at 9:26 a. m., for Tampa and St. Petersburg, Florida.

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FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-246)

RE: "FREEBUS"
RACIAL MATTERS

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Re previous teletypes by Jacksonville Office in captioned matters.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of letterhead memo, dated as above, pertaining to the group of "Freedom Riders" known as the Interfaith Group.

The source utilized in this memorandum is
 CORE, New York City.

Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed in the enclosed memorandum and identity of the source was concealed only in that instance where necessary.

This matter is being closely followed and the Bureau will be advised of the disposition of the cases currently pending in local court at Tallahassee, Florida.

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All offices should be alert for future "Freedom Rides" throughout the South in view of the fact that the "Florida Times-Union" newspaper has indicated that a second group may come to Florida during the week of June 26, 1961, for the purpose of testing airport facilities at Tallahassee.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Jacksonville, Florida

June 20, 1961

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"Freedom Riders"
(Interfaith Group)

A source, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised the New York Office of the FBI on June 11, 1961, that two groups of "Freedom Riders" would leave Washington, D.C., on June 13, 1961, via Greyhound Bus, making various stops in southern states to determine if bus terminal facilities were integrated. One group reportedly consisted of 18 clergymen, referred to as the Interfaith Group, while the other group, which subsequently split into two sections, was made up of 14 professional and union people.

This memorandum will deal only with the group consisting of 18 clergymen during the time they were in that part of Florida under the jurisdiction of the Jacksonville, Florida, Office of the FBI. Information concerning the group of 14 professional and union people is the subject of other memoranda.

The Interfaith Group entered Florida from Georgia at 6:48 a.m. June 15, 1961, via Greyhound Bus and arrived at Jacksonville, Florida, Greyhound Bus Terminal at 7:34 a.m. The group consisted of 7 white ministers, 7 colored ministers and 4 Jewish Rabbis.

A number of police officers and newsmen were on hand when the group arrived. Aside from these individuals, there was no unusual crowd at the bus station. However, [redacted] a member of the Florida Ku Klux Klan, was present as an observer.

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The Interfaith Group was met upon arrival by [redacted] National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) member and [redacted] NAACP member and attorney.

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"Freedom Riders"
(Interfaith Group)

Members of the group used the rest rooms and restaurant facilities on an integrated basis and no incidents occurred.

This group left Jacksonville for Tallahassee, Florida, at 8:34 a.m. June 15, 1961, by Greyhound Bus. They stopped en route at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Lake City, Florida, where they used the rest rooms and restaurant on an integrated basis without incident.

The group arrived at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Tallahassee, Florida, at 12:40 p.m. June 15, 1961, and had lunch in the formerly all-white lunchroom without incident.

The group thereafter traveled to the Tallahassee Airport in private automobiles, where they purchased tickets to New York City via Eastern Airlines.

The Tallahassee Police Department, in anticipation of possible racial disorder, sealed off the airport and permitted only those who had official business to transact to enter the grounds.

Upon attempt to use the facilities of the airport, it was discovered by the group that plumbers were repairing the rest rooms and that the restaurant had been closed allegedly for cleaning. Eight of the group subsequently returned to New York City that afternoon on Eastern Airlines Flight Number 268. The other 10 members of the group indicated their intention to remain at the airport until the facilities were opened to them.

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[redacted] a member of Tallahassee Klavern, Florida Ku Klux Klan, was observed by members of the Tallahassee Police Department near the Greyhound Bus Station talking to several white individuals during the time this group was in the bus terminal. [redacted] was taken to the police station for questioning and was admonished by the chief of police not to cause any trouble. [redacted] later attempted to enter the airport bus but was turned away by police officers.

"Freedom Riders"
(Interfaith Group)

The group remained at the airport until midnight, at which time the police asked the group to leave the airport as it was being closed. The group thereafter went in private automobiles to the Bethel Baptist Church, Tallahassee, where they spent the night. The following morning, June 16, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] Newark, New Jersey, [redacted] of the Interfaith Group, telephonically contacted the Jacksonville Office of the FBI and stated that his group, now composed of 2 Rabbis 3 Negro protestant ministers and 5 white protestant ministers, were then at the Tallahassee Airport. He said they returned to the airport at 7:25 a.m. that date, after first learning the airport restaurant normally opens at 7:00 a.m. He said they found the restaurant still closed and stated that they now intended to remain in the terminal until they could secure service at the restaurant. [redacted] advised that he had just been informed by the Chief of Police, Tallahassee, that he had a town of 50,000 people to protect and could no longer keep his police force at the airport for protection of the Interfaith Group. [redacted] said the chief of police had returned to Tallahassee with all but two of his men and that in addition there were two Florida State Police Officers in the airport. Fia

Shortly after noon, on June 16, 1961, the 10 members of the Interfaith Group were taken into custody by the Tallahassee Police Department and charged with unlawful assembling. Also arrested on same charge were 3 local individuals, who had joined the group at the airport. All were immediately transported to the Leon County Jail, Tallahassee, and were arraigned by City Judge John Rudd. Bond was fixed at \$500 and all were committed to jail when bond was not posted. The three local individuals arrested were identified as follows:

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[redacted] colored male, age [redacted]

Tallahassee. Fla.

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[redacted] white male, age [redacted]

Mc Intosh, Florida.

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"Freedom Riders"
(Interfaith Group)

Members of the Interfaith Group arrested were identified as follows:

[redacted] white male [redacted]
Patterson, New Jersey.

[redacted] colored male [redacted]
Newark, New Jersey.

[redacted] colored male [redacted]
New Britton, Connecticut.

[redacted] white male [redacted]
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[redacted] white male, [redacted]
Springfield, New Jersey.

[redacted] colored male [redacted]
Springfield, Massachusetts.

All members of the arrested Interfaith Group were released from Leon County Jail on June 17, 1961, after posting \$500 bond each.

[redacted] Tallahassee Bondsman, advised he posted \$500 bonds for each of the jailed Interfaith Group and for two of the local individuals arrested with them on instructions from [redacted] Tallahassee minister and integration leader. [redacted] reportedly called [redacted]

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on instructions from an individual by the name of [redacted]
Miami, Florida, attorney, Telephone Number [redacted]
Also a [redacted] New York Rabbi, reportedly N.Y.
telephoned [redacted] of the
Tallahassee Christian Church, and asked [redacted] to intercede
for the jailed Interfaith Group with the Governor of Florida.

The members of the group appeared before Judge John Rudd on the morning of June 17, 1961, and entered not guilty pleas to the charges of unlawful assembly. The trial date was set by Rudd for June 22, 1961, at Tallahassee, Florida.

After leaving the Tallahassee Jail, the group proceeded to the airport, where 8 members booked passage on National Airlines Flight 362, which departed from Tallahassee at approximately 3:35 p.m. June 17, 1961, for Jacksonville, Florida. They changed planes at Jacksonville, Florida, at approximately 4:55 p.m. and proceeded to Newark, New Jersey, by Eastern Airlines Flight 608, which was due to arrive at the Newark Airport at 8:30 p.m. on that date.

The 2 remaining members of the Interfaith Group, namely, [redacted] stayed in Tallahassee in the company of [redacted] F.L.R.

Governor Farris Bryant of Florida issued the following statement on June 16, 1961, as to his position in regard to the "Freedom Riders":

"Florida has accorded to the Freedom Riders the full protection of her laws. Regardless of cost or convenience, their trip across Florida was made peaceful and without incident. Unfortunately these people were not willing to leave Florida without creating discord and securing attendant publicity. In the last ten minutes of their scheduled stay, they embarked upon a new course designed to make trouble. If not deterred by local authorities they would have succeeded with damage to the poise and dignity of this state. We offer the full protection of the law to all in Florida who seek to pursue lawful purposes, but we issue no licenses granting immunity from arrest to those who violate our laws by their actions. Neither the cause, nor the composition of any group of people frees them from their obligation as citizens."

"Freedom Riders"
(Interfaith Group)

The "Florida Times Union" newspaper, Jacksonville, Florida, dated June 18, 1961, contained an article which disclosed that the Congress of Racial Equality had warned that a new team of "Freedom Riders" would come to Tallahassee next week for a second effort to "crack the racial barrier at the airport restaurant."

The above information was discussed on a continuing basis with [redacted] Military Intelligence (CIC), Jacksonville, Florida, and local authorities in the cities through which the group passed.

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Chief CHARLES MC LAUGHLIN, Rye, New York Police Department, advised SA [redacted] on 6/21/61, that an attempt was made to burn a wooden cross on the lawn of the home of PHILIP STERLING, Kirby Lane, Rye, New York, on the evening of 6/19/61.

Due to fact cloth on wooden cross was wrapped tightly with wire cloth did not burn well. Remnants of unknown cloth appear to be pieces of bed sheeting and a pajama top. Material being sent to FBI Laboratory for examination by Rye Police.

Police believe incident is prank of youths in area but STERLING family prefers to believe incident has deeper significance and is a result of Mrs. STERLING's activities in apartment rental case.

Police believe incident was caused by recent publicity given to [redacted] who was connected with Freedom Bus Riders.

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Investigation continuing by Rye Police Department
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to attention of Bureau.



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Re: Freedom Rides
Racial Matters

Chief Charles Mc Laughlin, Rye, New York Police Department, advised on June 21, 1961, that at about 10:30 PM on June 19, 1961, an attempt was made to burn a wooden cross on the lawn of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sterling, Kirby Lane, Rye, New York.

Cross was made out of a six foot length of flooring and cross piece was made from a piece of light wood molding. Cloth was wrapped around the wood and held in place by wire. Material appeared to have been covered with kerosene. Due to fact cloth was wrapped tightly about wood, it did not burn completely.

Mr. Sterling was at home at time of incident. He heard a sound similar to that of a fire cracker and some shouting. He went out of house and saw fire burning on the lawn which he extinguished with a garden hose. He reported that when he got outside, he observed no one in the vicinity and does not recall hearing the sound of an automobile leaving the scene.

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APPROX [redacted]

[redacted] a freedom bus which went to Jackson, Mississippi. He was arrested with group of riders and was fined \$200.00. Fine was paid [redacted] has been living at home since his return from Jackson, Mississippi and received publicity in local press as well as the New York City press.

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Re: Freedom Rides

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling are members of Executive Board of Rye-Portchester Chapter of National Association for Advancement of Colored People. Chairman of this chapter, [redacted] a Negro, recently attempted to rent an apartment in the Rye Colony Apartments.

[redacted] made inquiry by telephone and was advised apartment was available. She then went to the apartment development and was told a previous commitment for rental had been made. Mrs. Sterling later went to the same apartment and without previous contact was able to make immediate rental of an apartment. Based on this, legal action was instituted. On June 20, 1961, New York State Supreme Court ruled pertinent legislation passed by New York State Legislature, not effective until September, 1961.

This legislation will enable State Commission Against Discrimination to take jurisdiction in cases in multiple houses in which charges are made of discrimination because of race.

The Sterlings have advised Chief McLaughlin that they are of the opinion that the cross burning incident is a result of the action of Mrs. Sterling with regard to apartment renting activity.

Chief McLaughlin believes that the incident is the action of high school or college students and resulted from publicity given to freedom ride of [redacted]

Investigation by the Rye Police Department is continuing.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

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SUBJECT: Phone call from [redacted]
 Re Hunger Strike by Freedom Riders in
 Jackson, Mississippi, Jail

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[redacted] of the Civil Rights Division called today at approximately 3:45 pm and stated that in connection with the captioned matter, a request had been made for certain inquiries on Monday, June 12, 1961, and he desired to be advised whether this matter had been handled.

After checking I advised [redacted] that the memorandum in question had gone through this Division on Friday, June 16, 1961, but without making additional checks I was unable to state that it had definitely cleared the Bureau; however, I stated I had every reason to believe that this was the case. I also advised [redacted] that a memorandum covering this matter was addressed to Mr. Burke Marshall and that if they were unable to locate the memorandum in the Department, to let me know in order that a further check could be made at the Bureau.

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One hundred sixty-four freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, since May 24, 1961. Fifty-five have been released on bond, four have been released after paying fines, and one has been released without the filing of charges. One hundred four remain in custody.

It has previously been reported that a petition for a writ of habeas corpus was filed in U. S. District Court, Biloxi, Mississippi, by [redacted] a freedom rider who was arrested at Jackson on June 2, 1961. U. S. District Judge S. C. Mize has now informed attorneys for the petitioner that the petition must be denied because state remedies have not been exhausted. Judge Mize said that he will file a written opinion this week but he is giving further consideration as to whether or not the court should retain jurisdiction until state remedies have been exhausted.

We have been informed that representatives of organizations promoting freedom rides held a meeting at Jackson on June 27, 1961, which was described as a regular weekly meeting of the Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee. [redacted] Field Service, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), New York City, and Reverend Martin Luther King were said to be the speakers. The meeting reportedly gave no consideration to discontinuing freedom rides but expressed an intention to continue freedom rides into Jackson, Mississippi, and other unspecified localities. It was said at the meeting that moral pressure is bearing heavily upon the people of Mississippi and the Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee will seek to maintain moral and legal pressure at Jackson. It was also stated that the Committee has bond money available for any convicted freedom rider who wishes it.

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After the meeting at Jackson, Reverend Wyatt T. Walker stated at a press conference that upon his release from Hinds County Jail on June 27, 1961, he was missing a diamond ring valued at \$275, as well as \$75 in cash. He alleged that some of the money belonged to his wife. Sheriff J. Robert Gilfoxy advised a representative of the press that he will make an immediate investigation of Reverend Walker's complaint. It is noted that Reverend Walker and his wife were arrested as freedom riders at Jackson, Mississippi, on June 21, 1961, and were released on bond on June 27, 1961.

The local press has reported that York, Pennsylvania, representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will ride on a freedom train from Philadelphia to Washington, D. C., on July 12, 1961. It was stated that this is in connection with the fifty-second annual NAACP convention being held at Philadelphia from July 10 to July 10, 1961, and that the freedom riders will visit their respective Congressmen to press for civil rights legislation.

On June 27, 1961, the Civil Rights Division requested a preliminary investigation into allegations that freedom riders [redacted]

[redacted] were mistreated at the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi. [redacted] all of whom were arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, as freedom riders and all of whom have been released, were interviewed. They alleged that [redacted] practiced noncooperation when they were removed from Jackson, Mississippi, to the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi, on June 18, 1961. They stated that [redacted] had suffered abuse, including being dragged to and from the prison van, having their clothes ripped off at the penitentiary, and being subjected to the use of wrist breakers and electric checkers.

The fact that the allegations are not confined to Hinds County Jail but extend to the Mississippi State Penitentiary was discussed with [redacted] of the Civil Rights Division by [redacted] of the FBI. It was pointed out that signed statements had been taken from [redacted] and that Sheriff J. Robert Gilfoxy of Hinds County had indicated he would be available later in the evening of June 27, 1961. It was also brought to [redacted] attention that any investigation at the

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Mississippi State Penitentiary will require prior contact with the Governor or the person acting for him. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor are in Honolulu. The Acting Governor is George Y. Yarborough, President Pro Tempore of the State Senate. [redacted] stated that no further investigation should be conducted pending his review today of the signed statements taken from [redacted]. No further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

Sheriff J. Robert Gilfoy, Hinds County, Mississippi, has advised that [redacted] acted as though they were lifeless when they were taken from Jackson to the penitentiary. It was necessary to lift them into the prison van at Jackson and to lift them from the van at the penitentiary. It was also necessary to undress them and dress them in prison garb. When being removed from the prison van at the penitentiary, [redacted] allegedly stated that he would not move a muscle and would have to be dragged wherever he was taken. The Sheriff denied that the prisoners were abused in any manner and said that his men do not have wrist breakers and that no electric shockers were used. [redacted] is still incarcerated but Sheriff Gilfoy said that when [redacted] was released on bond on June 19, 1961, he did not indicate that he had been mistreated in any way.

Further developments will be reported to the Department promptly.

- 1 - Mr. Byron R. White
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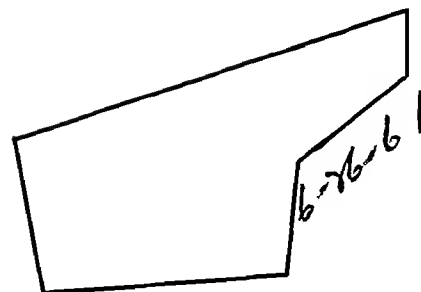
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Attached teletype reflects the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) plans to stage demonstrations at Federal buildings throughout the country on 6/24/61.

This information being furnished to all SACs with instructions that racial informants be alerted and that local authorities in those cities wherein there are chapters of CORE be notified. This information will be furnished to the Department in the daily

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EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR, MISSISSIPPI STATE PENITENTIARY, PARCHMAN,
MISS., MADE AVAILABLE FOR READING THREE LETTERS RECEIVED AT
THE PRISON AND OPENED FOR CENSORSHIP, WHICH HE THOUGHT CONTAINED
INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO FBI. JUNE FOURTEEN LETTER FROM

[REDACTED] NEW YORK, TO

JAMES FARMER, CORE NATIONAL DIRECTOR, NOW INCARCERATED MSP,
DISCLOSED CORE PLANS TO STAGE DEMONSTRATIONS AT FEDERAL BUILDINGS
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Since May 24, 1961, one hundred sixty-four freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi. Fifty-eight have been released on bond, four have been released upon the payment of fines and one has been released without the filing of charges. One hundred and one remain in custody.

[redacted] Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Jackson, Mississippi, has advised that the Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee is establishing an office at Jackson to provide better coordination for freedom-ride activities. The office will be staffed by [redacted] and three others whose identities are not known to [redacted] at this time.

It has previously been reported that information was received alleging that two thousand freedom riders planned to appear in cities throughout Mississippi during the week of July 4, 1961. It has also been alleged that Mississippi officials plan to arrest any U. S. Marshals who may be used in connection with freedom-ride activities during this period.

Colonel T. B. Birdsong, who is in charge of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, advised on June 28, 1961, that he has received no information concerning the alleged freedom ride by two thousand people. Colonel Birdsong remarked, "That is crazy," when asked about rumors that Mississippi officials would arrest U. S. Marshals. He said that he had not heard any such rumors.

M. E. Pierce, Chief of Detectives, Jackson, Mississippi, has made a discreet inquiry and has concluded that the rumors regarding two thousand freedom riders probably stem from remarks made by Evangelist Billy J. Hargis who recently held a meeting at Jackson, Mississippi.

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Hargis said that two thousand or two thousand five hundred freedom riders would come to Jackson but Chief of Detectives Pierce believes this statement was made purely for the purpose of obtaining publicity. The exact date of the meeting could not be determined but it was indicated that it was held about two weeks after the freedom rides started.

Our sources in New Orleans, including contacts with CORE and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), have no information regarding any mass freedom rides. We have been advised that a small group of freedom riders will travel from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jackson, Mississippi, sometime during the weekend of July 1, 1961.

The New Orleans Chapter of CORE is planning a demonstration to take place between 10:00 a. m. and 11:00 a. m. on July 3, 1961. There reportedly will be a parade from the St. James A. M. E. Church to the offices of the Illinois Central Railroad. The marchers will carry placards supporting the freedom riders and demanding that the Interstate Commerce Commission order the desegregation of transportation facilities. At least ten members of CORE plan to participate and they may be joined by representatives of the Consumers League, the NAACP, Negro fraternal organizations and graduate chapters of Negro college fraternities.

Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington, D. C. Chapter, CORE, advised on June 28, 1961, that three hundred local members of CORE will assemble on the Mall at 11:00 a. m. on July 4, 1961. They will proceed to Judiciary Square, Fifth and E Streets, Northwest, carrying signs protesting the arrest of freedom riders. The protest will be directed against the states rather than the Federal Government.

It was originally planned that a demonstration would be held in front of the Interstate Commerce Commission building in Washington, D. C., on July 4, 1961. Mr. Hobson said that this plan was abandoned as it was felt that it would be in poor taste to demonstrate in front of a Federal building. He also said that CORE members believe the Federal Government

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is doing everything in its power to promote racial equality. In this regard he made reference to legal action being taken by the Department of Justice to integrate restaurants in Louisiana.

Mr. Hobson commented that he has recommended to national headquarters of CORE that the freedom rides be discontinued because of a shortage of funds and because he feels that CORE has proven that segregation exists in transportation facilities in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. He believes that legal action should now be taken in these states to effect the integration of transportation facilities. He added that the Washington Chapter of CORE will not sponsor future freedom rides but will devote its activities to housing matters in Washington, D. C.

It was further stated by Mr. Hobson that CORE groups throughout the country plan to hold demonstrations on July 4, 1961.

It has previously been reported that a suit was filed in U. S. District Court, Tallahassee, Florida, on behalf of three Negro ministers who seek to integrate the airport restaurant at Tallahassee. A hearing in this matter has now been scheduled for July 18, 1961, before U. S. District Judge G. Harrold Carswell.

The Department will be advised promptly of further pertinent developments.

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-264

FREEDOM. REMYTEL JUNE TWENTYFOUR. FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JUNE TWENTYFIVE SIXTYONE ADDRESSED TO AGENT IN CHARGE, JACKSON OFFICE, DEPT. OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, JACKSON, MISS., RECEIVED JUNE TWENTYSIX, SIXTYONE - *QUOTE* "DEAR SIR. DURING THE PAST WEEK I HAVE CONTACTED SHERIFF GILFOY OF HINDS COUNTY, BOTH BY TELEPHONE AND BY LETTER, ON THE PLACEMENT OF FREEDOM RIDERS IN MAXIMUM SECURITY UNITS AT THE STATE PRISON IN PARCHMAN, MISS. CERTAINLY THE PEOPLE TRANSFERRED FROM COUNTY JAIL ARE GRATEFUL TO BE RELIEVED OF OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS, BUT *QUOTE* "MAXIMUM SECURITY *QUOTE* RESTRICTIONS SEEM UNNATURALLY HARSH PUNISHMENT FOR EVEN A GENUINE MISDEMEANOR, MUCH LESS THIS SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL ONE. IT CLEARLY EXCEEDS THE LIMITS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION TWO ZERO EIGHT SEVEN POINT FIVE OF THE MISS. CODE, THE STATUTE UNDER WHICH THESE PEOPLE WERE CONVICTED. THIS INTRODUCES THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT OF THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION. ACCORDINGLY THE CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY PAREN (CORE) PAREN ENTERS THIS URGENT REQUEST THAT THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE MAKE A

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OFFICIAL INQUIRY INTO PRESENT CONDITIONS PRESENTLY EFFECTING THOSE
FREEDOM RIDERS CONFINED TO THE STATE PRISON AT PARCHMAN, MISS."

UNQUOTE. THE LETTER IS SIGNED [REDACTED] CORE, CARE OF
ATTORNEY [REDACTED]

JACKSON, MISS. COPIES OF LETTER DESIGNATED FOR SHERIFF J. R.

GILFOY PAREN (HINDS COUNTY SO, JACKSON) PAREN, AND JOE T. PATTERSON,
AG, STATE OF MISS. [REDACTED] HAS IDENTIFIED HIMSELF IN PAST AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CORE. [REDACTED] LETTER WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED PERSONALLY
AND HE WILL BE ADVISED THAT IT WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION
OF THE DEPT. LETTER HEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

END AND ACK PLS

ME OK FBI ME FCH

WA 4-57 PM OK FBI WA WS

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[Handwritten signature]

CC-MR. ROSEN

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Mr. Tolson _____
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 Mr. Ingram _____
 Miss Gandy _____

Date: 6/20/61

Transmit the following in _____

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Via AIRTEL

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DATE 09-28-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, WFO (100-35588)

CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
 RACIAL MATTERS
 OO: NEW YORK

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 7 copies
 and for New York, 1 copy of a letterhead memorandum
 concerning captioned group.

The Atlanta and Jacksonville Offices were advised by
 teletype 6/19/61 concerning activities of this group
 on 6/20/61.

ENCLOSURE 8

3 Bureau (Enc. 8)
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 1 WFO
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C. C. Wick
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Per

Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
June 20, 1961

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CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
RACIAL MATTERS

Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington Chapter, Congress of Racial Equality, advised the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 19, 1961, that a group of Freedom Riders consisting of three persons will depart Washington, D. C., National Airport on Eastern Airlines Flight No. 337 at 5:45 P.M., June 20, 1961. The group will arrive at the Atlanta Airport, Atlanta, Georgia, at 7:42 P.M. and depart on Eastern Airlines Flight No. 953 at 8:50 P.M., June 20, 1961. The group will arrive in Tallahassee, Florida at 10:46 P.M. and, according to Hobson, will be met in Tallahassee by [REDACTED]

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Hobson furnished the names of the individuals in the group as follows:

[REDACTED]	white	[REDACTED]	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
[REDACTED]	colored	[REDACTED]	Silver Spring, Maryland
[REDACTED]	colored	[REDACTED]	Washington, D. C.

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Date: 6/23/61

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Malone	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS
RM - CR

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Re Bureau tel call and SI tel call to Bureau
6/22/61.

[REDACTED] CORE, New Orleans, La., advised the following freedom riders arrived at New Orleans 6/22/61, at 8:15 AM, via airlines, from Los Angeles:

CM
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CF
CM, and
CM.

[REDACTED] advised that at 9:50 AM on 6/23/61, via Eastern Airlines Flight 203, [REDACTED] NM, would arrive from Tucson, Ariz. The above six were to join in New Orleans on 6/23/61, with a group of an additional ten freedom riders who were to arrive via Southern Pacific Sunset Limited Railroad at 5:30 PM.

[REDACTED] advised tentative plans are for all 16 of these individuals to leave by the Illinois Central Railroad at 7:10 AM, Sunday, 6/25/61, and proceed to Jackson, Miss., to test facilities in Jackson.

Local authorities advised.

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3 - New Orleans
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C. C. Wick

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URGENT 6--27--61 6--11PM CST JC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI *FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC*

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157--264

FREEBUS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM JUNE TWENTYSEVEN.
NO FR ARRESTS SINCE JUNE TWENTYSIX SUMMARY.

FR ARRESTED JUNE TWENTYTHREE RELEASED FIVE HUNDRED CASH
APPEARANCE BOND NIGHT JUNE TWENTYSIX. TOTAL ARRESTED ONE SIX
FOUR. OUT ON BOND FIFTYFIVE. PAID FINE FOUR. RELEASED TO
ATTORNEY ONE. NET IN CUSTODY ONE ZERO FOUR. ALL FR PRISONERS
EATING AT JACKSON COUNTY JAIL AND HINDS JAIL. *157-387-425*
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen *Roh*

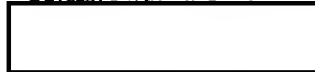
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FROM :

*0* FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC.



SUBJECT:



UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;



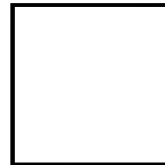
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CIVIL RIGHTS *pc*

At 10:30 p.m., 6-27-61, SA  New Orleans, telephonically advised SA  of the information which New Orleans subsequently transmitted by teletype 11:23 p.m., 6-27-61, under "Freebus" caption.

During this conversation  was advised that pending further instructions from the Bureau no additional investigation should be conducted in the civil rights case involving victims 

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Rosen *Rev*

DATE: 6-28-61

FROM :

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
 UNKNOWN VICTIMS;
 ALLEGED BRUTALITY
 HINDS COUNTY JAIL
 CIVIL RIGHTS

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

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In accordance with a request from the Department concerning alleged brutality in Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi, we have interviewed three complainants and Sheriff R. J. Gilfoy, Hinds County, Mississippi. The results of these interviews were hand carried to [redacted] Chief, Litigations Section, Civil Rights Division, at 9:40 a.m., 6-28-61, by Supervisor [redacted]. The Department desires no additional investigation of this matter until it has reviewed the material furnished to them.

[redacted] freedom riders who were arrested in Jackson, Mississippi, alleged that after being transferred from the city jail, Jackson, to the State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, they observed two other freedom riders, [redacted] being dragged nude by prison guards and trustees. They alleged unnecessary force was used by the prison guards. According to them, [redacted] were practicing non-cooperation and passive resistance. They also alleged "wrist breakers" and "cattle shockers" were used on [redacted].

Sheriff Gilfoy advised only force necessary to move [redacted] was used and great care was used to handle them so criticism could not result. Sheriff Gilfoy said these instructions were issued by him and the Governor of the State of Mississippi. The foregoing is furnished for your information.

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Date: 6/27/61

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TO: DIRECTOR FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-307)

SUBJECT: 0 RIDERS - MISC.
FREEDOM RIDE, 1961
RM; CR

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Re New York airtel to Bureau, 6/19/61.

Jackson, Miss. PD records reflect that Freedom Rider
[redacted] arrested 6/16/61 lists as [redacted]
[redacted] Forrest Hills, N. Y.

New York furnish information contained in reairtel to
Bureau by letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination captioned
as instant airtel.

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- ③ - Bureau
2 - New York (157-391)
2 - New Orleans

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (9-NEW)

UNSUB; [REDACTED] VICTIM
EXTORTION, FREEDOM RIDERS - RACIAL MATTERS
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Remytel 6/20/61.

There is enclosed a photostat copy of a two-
page handwritten obscene letter received in the mails by
[REDACTED] It is postmarked [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

A photostat copy of this letter was received by the Chicago Office in the mail from Lieutenant [REDACTED] of the Security Unit, Chicago Police Department, on 6/20/61. A newspaper clipping of 6/6/61 reflects that Reverend RICHARD GLEASON, a white minister from Chicago, had gone to Jackson, Mississippi as a "freedom rider." The article, which bears a Jackson, Mississippi dateline, states that GLEASON "announced today he is disillusioned and is severing all connections with the movement. 'I advise anyone thinking of joining the riders to look them over carefully' said Reverend RICHARD GLEASON, 24, who conducts a mission and has worked for several years with Negro delinquents on Chicago's south side. The Baptist minister said he was shocked when he discovered the backgrounds of some of his companions on the 'freedom ride' and their attitudes toward communism, atheism and police records."

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Chicago

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Approved: [Signature]

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On 6/20/61, SA [redacted] contacted Lieutenant [redacted] who advised that he had received the original of the letter to [redacted] from the 5th District, Chicago Police Department for investigation and that he had submitted this letter and two others to the Chicago Crime Laboratory.

The secretary to Captain [redacted] District, Chicago Police Department, advised that officers of that district have been assigned to escort and guard [redacted]. He advised that letters received by [redacted] have been turned over to the Security Unit of the Chicago Police Department.

Lieutenant [redacted] Chicago Crime Laboratory, advised SA [redacted] he has received 3 letters to [redacted] for examination and that the preliminary examination indicates they were probably written by 3 different people. He said all are abusive but only 1 is threatening.

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ENCLOSURES (1) TO BUREAU

RE: UNSUB [REDACTED] VICTIM
EXTORTION; FREEDOM RIDERS - RACIAL MATTERS

(CG 9-NEW)

ONE (1) PHOTOSTAT COPY OF A TWO-PAGE
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IN THE MAIL BY [REDACTED]
POSTMARKED [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED]

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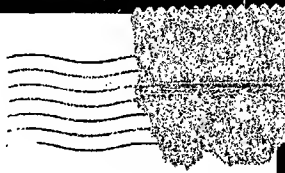
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OBSCENE

Chicago Daily News
401 North Wabash Ave
Chicago 11, Illinois



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You dirty rotten stinking good for nothing lazy son of a bitch.
You crooked, unjust, deceitful phony bastard. You don't like
the negroes or whites, just yourself and you want both to
support and keep you. You are too damn lazy to get a job
or go to work. You do cheat, rob and take money from
stupid, silly, feeble minded people, ignorant, unfortunate,
weak and mislike. I wish you in ten seconds forever
shot, quickly and very quietly. When I put my young strong
powerful left forearm under your chin, snapping your
head back, stifling your voice. Then with my strong young
right hand and sharp razor I will cut your throat
deeply from ear to ear. You will be in hell fire in ten
seconds forever where you really belong. Hell is to good

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for a rat like you. I almost had you once, I will get a
better chance, safely maybe soon. I am in no big hurry
you are just a ~~two~~ false face, double trouble
liar, parasite and hypocrite. I would like to torture
and kill a rat like you 100 times but just once
and 10 seconds is enough. From your queer newspaper
picture you look like a fairy, cunt and cock sucker.
What kind do you like best to suck, black or white
picks? Most ministers are either cock suckers or cunt suckers
or both. You better leave town forever, get a job somewhere,
hide out and keep quiet forever if you want to live.
Rats like you who look for trouble always find it sooner or later.

FBI

Date: 6/26/61

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-786)

RE: FREEBUS
RM
(OO-New Orleans)

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FREEDOM RIDERS - misc

RE: Albany airtel to the Bureau dated 6/5/61.

Following investigation conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] at Corpus Christi, Texas:

On 6/21/61, city directories for 1960, 1959, and 1958 were checked, and it was noted listed therein is [redacted]
[redacted] Tedder's Coffee Shop,
[redacted] City directories for 1957, 1956, and 1955 reflect the same listing except residence address at [redacted]. These persons are not listed in the 1953 City Directory. [redacted] is not listed in any of the above mentioned city directories.

On 6/21/61, the current Southwestern Bell Telephone Directory for Corpus Christi was checked, and it was noted that listed therein is [redacted] tele-
phone [redacted] office, [redacted]
[redacted] is not listed.

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2 - New Orleans (157-264) (AM)
1 - Albany (157-21) (Info.) (AM)
1 - Houston

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Special Agent in Charge

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On 6/21/61, [redacted] Retail Merchants Association, checked records of this agency and advised he was unable to locate any record concerning [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] has been known to this agency since 1947, and records indicate [redacted]. He formerly resided at [redacted] where he managed the [redacted] then was [redacted] Corpus Christi; and since [redacted] the coffee shop at Tedder's Lodge, name recently changed to the Monaco Motel. He is approximately [redacted] years of age, [redacted].

On 6/21/61, [redacted] Identification Officer, Corpus Christi Police Department; and [redacted] Identification Officer, Nueces County Sheriff's Office, checked their respective records and advised they were unable to locate any record concerning [redacted].

On 6/21/61, [redacted] Local Draft Board 97 (PROTECT IDENTITY), advised that records of this board contain the following information concerning [redacted]. On 11/6/52, he registered for Selective Service with [redacted] Local Draft Board 26-31, Dallas, Texas. He gave his mailing address as [redacted] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; named [redacted] same address, as the person who would always know his whereabouts; stated he was a student at SMU, Dallas; and gave his permanent residence address as [redacted] Corpus Christi. In view of his residence address, his registration was forwarded to Local Draft Board 97, Corpus Christi, at which he was assigned Selective Service Number [redacted].

On 2/9/53, [redacted] returned his Selective Service Questionnaire, on which he indicated he was at that time a student preparing to be [redacted]. He set forth that he was preparing for [redacted] under the direction of the [redacted] and later intended to [redacted]. He indicated he had conferred with [redacted] Corpus Christi, concerning entering [redacted].

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Correspondence from [redacted] reflected that on [redacted] he stated he had been employed by [redacted] since [redacted] On 6/24/56, he wrote that he had [redacted] and had employment with [redacted] Pennsylvania. On 9/7/59, he wrote that he was attending [redacted] working toward a [redacted]

Other correspondence from [redacted] reflected he [redacted] at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on [redacted] at that time. He also wrote that [redacted]

[redacted] has furnished the following addresses since his Selective Service registration:

11/6/52

6/10/53

12/3/53

5/4/54

8/17/55

6/28/56

6/27/57

9/7/59

In a Dependency Questionnaire, dated 12/27/55, [redacted] listed the following relatives:

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[redacted]
[redacted] Oklahoma City
[redacted]

lawyer, same address

[redacted]
same address

[redacted]
same address

[redacted]
[redacted] Corpus Christi,
[redacted]

[redacted] age
not indicated, same address

He listed [redacted] as follows:

[redacted] age 47, [redacted]

[redacted] age 44

[redacted] age 16

[redacted] age 13

[redacted] age 5

[redacted] age 3

On 3/11/53, [redacted] was classified 1A. On 8/24/55, he was re-classified II-S (student). On 2/1/56, he was classified III-A (dependents), and is still in that classification.

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Following is his physical description, as contained in the records of Local Draft Board 97:

Name	[REDACTED]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	[REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Height	5'10"
Weight	150 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Scars and marks	None
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Selective Service Number	[REDACTED]
Marital status	[REDACTED]

One copy of this communication is being designated for the Albany Office for information, in view of the fact [REDACTED] last known address is within the Albany Division territory, at Ithaca, New York.

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Date: 6/21/61

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Via **AIRTEL****AIR MAIL (REGISTERED)**

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE 09-28-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STP

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (157-63)

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed herewith is the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding an anonymous telephone call received by [redacted] Ferndale, Mich., on 6/20/61. The caller made vague allegations of racial violence that would occur in the immediate future on the "Bob-Lo" boats. The Bob-Lo Line operates excursion boats which make numerous trips daily from Detroit to Bob-Lo Island located in the Detroit River near Detroit, Mich.

In the event the Detroit Office receives any additional information to substantiate these allegations or any indication of racial violence, the Bureau will be promptly advised.

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1 - Detroit

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By *RBI: jkt*

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Special Agent in Charge

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Per _____



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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File No.

Detroit, Michigan
June 21, 1961

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Freedom Riders
Racial Matters

[redacted] Fern-
dale, Michigan, advised this office at 7:00 PM on June 20, 1961,
that she had received an anonymous telephone call at
approximately 4:45 PM on June 20, 1961. The call was re-
ceived [redacted] and the telephone number is unlisted.
She stated that the anonymous caller sounded like a female
adult with a Negro accent. The anonymous caller asked
[redacted] if she was interested in the Freedom Riders.
She was requested to forward a \$5.00 contribution to
support the expenses of the Freedom Riders to an address on
Hastings Street in Detroit. [redacted] was not able to
recall the exact address on Hastings where this contribution
should be forwarded. She stated that when she told the caller
she was not interested in the Freedom Riders or in helping
support their cause the anonymous caller asked if she was
white. [redacted] stated that she was and the caller then
stated "We're going to kill some of those white men".
She also told [redacted] that the members of her group
were going to destroy the Bob-Lo boats (excursion boats
operating daily from Detroit, Michigan).

The caller then told [redacted] that even
though she was not Negro the Freedom Riders would accept
her support and said that "Jews and Communists" were being
asked to participate in the Freedom Riders.

[redacted] added that the anonymous caller
did not identify herself in any way nor did she mention the
names of any other persons affiliated with her group. [redacted]
[redacted] said that it was her opinion that the anonymous
caller was bitter toward any persons who did not support the
Freedom Riders. She added that she was inclined to consider
the above a "crank call" but in view of the activity of
Freedom Rider groups in the South, she was desirous of
reporting this call to the proper authorities. She stated
that she had also reported the above telephone call to the
Ferndale, Michigan, Police Department.

ENCLOSURE

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Lieutenant [redacted] Special Investigations Squad, Detroit Police Department, was advised of the above call at 8:20 AM on June 21, 1961, inasmuch as the ~~Bob-Lo~~ Lines dock is Detroit. Miet

[redacted] 113th CIC Headquarters, Detroit, was advised of the above information at 9:10 AM, June 21, 1961.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

DATE: June 28, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

SYNOPSIS

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One hundred sixty-four freedom riders arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, since 5/24/61. Fifty-five released on bond, four released after paying fines, one released without charges filed and one hundred four remain in custody.

MISS
[redacted] arrested at Jackson 6/2/61 previously filed for a writ of habeas corpus, U. S. District Court, Biloxi, Mississippi. U. S. District Judge Mize has now informed attorneys for [redacted] the petition must be denied because state remedies have not been exhausted. Written opinion to be filed this week but Judge Mize is giving further consideration as to whether jurisdiction should be retained until state remedies are exhausted.

Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee met at Jackson 6/27/61. No thought was given to discontinuing freedom rides but it was stated rides will continue into Jackson and other unspecified localities.

MISS
[redacted] arrested as freedom riders at Jackson, 6/21/61 and released on bond 6/27/61. Informed the press that upon his release he was missing a \$275 ring and \$75 in cash. Sheriff J. Robert Gilfoxy told the press he will immediately investigate.

MISS
Civil Rights Division requested preliminary investigation 6/27/61 concerning alleged mistreatment of freedom riders [redacted] Request based on newspaper item concerning allegation by [redacted] former freedom rider.

[redacted] all of whom were arrested at Jackson and have been released, have been interviewed. [redacted] cleared with the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) before furnishing information.

Above interviews allege [redacted] practiced noncooperation when moved from Jackson to the Mississippi State Penitentiary 6/15/61. They

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
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- 1 - Mr. Evans *gzi*

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were dragged to and from prison van, dragged in the prison, and allegedly had their clothes ripped off and were allegedly subjected to wrist breakers and electric shockers.

Investigation at the State Penitentiary requires prior contact with the Governor or person acting for him. Governor and Lieutenant Governor are in Honolulu. Acting Governor is George Y. Yarborough, President Pro Tempore of the State Senate. This was discussed with Civil Rights Division which stated no further investigation should be conducted pending its review of above signed statements of [redacted] on 6/28/61.

Sheriff J. Robert Gilfoy has advised [redacted] acted as though they were lifeless requiring they be lifted into prison van at Jackson, removed from prison van at penitentiary. It was also necessary to remove their clothes and dress them in prison attire. The sheriff denied the prisoners had been abused in any way, stated the deputies did not have wrist breakers and no electric shockers were used at any time.

[redacted] still incarcerated Mississippi State Penitentiary. [redacted] released on bond 6/19/61 and Sheriff Gilfoy states [redacted] did not indicate he had been mistreated.

Local press states National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) representatives from York, Pennsylvania, will ride a freedom train from Philadelphia to Washington, D. C., 7/12/61. This is in connection with fifty-second annual NAACP convention being held at Philadelphia 7/10/61 to 7/16/61 and freedom riders reportedly will visit respective Congressmen to press for civil rights legislation.

ACTION:

A memorandum is being prepared for the Attorney General.



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DETAILS

One hundred sixty-four freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, since 5/24/61. Fifty-five have been released on bond, four have been released after paying fines and one has been released without the filing of charges. One hundred four remain in custody.

It is noted that [redacted] a freedom rider who was arrested at Jackson on 6/2/61, has previously filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in U. S. District Court, Biloxi, Mississippi. U. S. District Judge S. C. Mize has informed the attorneys representing [redacted] that the petition must be denied because state remedies have not been exhausted. Judge Mize also informed the attorneys that he will file a written opinion during the week but is giving further consideration as to whether or not he should retain jurisdiction until state remedies have been exhausted.

With regard to the meeting at Jackson on 6/27/61 of organizations which promote freedom rides, [redacted] a reporter for the "Jackson Daily News," furnished the following information. The meeting was attended by

[redacted] Director, Field Service, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), New York City; N.Y.
Reverend Martin Luther King, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta; GA 1
[redacted] Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Atlanta; GA M-85
[redacted] Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Atlanta and Nashville; TENN.
Reverend Bernard Lee, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta; GA
[redacted] Senior Field Representative, CORE, New Orleans; LA
James Bevel, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Nashville; TENN.
[redacted] Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Memphis; TENN.
Reverend Ralph Abernathy, Montgomery Improvement Association. M-85

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[redacted] and Martin Luther King reportedly were the spokesmen at the meeting which was described as a regular weekly meeting of the Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee. It was stated that there was no thought given to discontinuing the freedom rides but that freedom rides will continue to proceed to Jackson, Mississippi, and other places which were not specifically named. It was said that moral pressure is bearing heavily on the people of Mississippi and the group will seek to maintain moral and legal pressure in Jackson. It was claimed that bond money is available for any convicted freedom rider who wishes it.

James Saggus, Associated Press, Jackson, advised that a press conference was held after the above meeting at which time Reverend Wyatt T. Walker ^{miss} alleged that upon his release from Hinds County Jail 6/27/61 he was missing a diamond ring valued at \$275 and \$75 in cash, including some money which belonged to his wife. It is noted that Reverend Walker and his wife were arrested as freedom riders at Jackson on 6/21/61 and were released on bond on 6/27/61. Saggus said that Sheriff J. Robert Gilfoy stated that he will make an immediate investigation of Walker's complaint.

On 6/27/61 the Civil Rights Division requested a preliminary investigation regarding alleged brutality to freedom riders at the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi. This request was based upon a newspaper article quoting Kenneth Shilman, former freedom rider, as having alleged that Felix Singer and Terry Sullivan were dragged along a concrete corridor, had their clothes ripped off, and were subjected to the use of "wrist breakers" and electric shockers. Signed statements setting forth details of the complaint have been obtained from [redacted] all of whom were arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, as freedom riders and all of whom have been released. The complainants state that when the prisoners were being moved from Jackson to the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi, on 6/15/61, [redacted] decided to practice noncooperation. It was, therefore, necessary for them to be dragged or carried to the prison van at Jackson and Sullivan's head was allegedly hit against the van as he was being placed in it. Except for this instance the alleged mistreatment occurred at the penitentiary when [redacted] continued to practice noncooperation while being taken into the penitentiary and while being moved about within the penitentiary for fingerprinting, issuance of clothing, etc.

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This was discussed with [] of the Civil Rights Division and it was pointed out that prior to any investigation at the penitentiary it would be necessary to notify the Governor or the person acting for him. The Governor and the Lieutenant Governor are presently in Honolulu and the Acting Governor is George Y. Yarborough, President Pro Tempore of the State Senate. [] said that he did not desire any further investigation pending his review of the statements of the complainants on 6/28/61.

Prior to the above discussion with [] efforts had been made to interview Sheriff J. Robert Gilfoy, Hinds County, Mississippi. Sheriff Gilfoy subsequently contacted the Agents and advised that when [] were transferred from Jackson to the penitentiary they acted as though they were completely lifeless. They stated that they refused to move and upon being lifted into the prison van they both laid on the floor. When the van arrived at the penitentiary all of the prisoners except [] got out. It was necessary to carry [] from the van and [] said at that time that he would not move a muscle and would have to be dragged wherever he was taken. They let themselves go limp and were lifted by two deputies who held them under the armpits and carried them permitting their feet to drag. [] refused to remove their clothing for the purpose of dressing in prison attire and it was necessary to remove their clothes and also to dress them.

All persons handling the prisoners in the move from Jackson to the penitentiary were deputies of the Hinds County Sheriff's Office. They had been instructed by the Governor, the Sheriff and other officials to handle the prisoners in such a manner that no criticism could result. The space occupied by the prisoners at the penitentiary is being loaned to the sheriff's office and a deputy sheriff is on duty at Parchman to insure that the prisoners are properly treated and that no incidents arise. The prisoners are dressed in gymnasium trunks and T shirts in accordance with prison regulations. Sheriff Gilfoy denied that the prisoners had been abused in any way and stated that no electric shockers were used at any time. He also said that the deputies did not have wrist breakers and none were used in his presence.

Sheriff Gilfoy was present when the prisoners were removed from Jackson and taken to Parchman on 6/15/61 but he was not present on 6/16/61 when he believes that they were fingerprinted. Deputy Sheriff [] was present when the prisoners were fingerprinted.

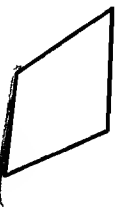
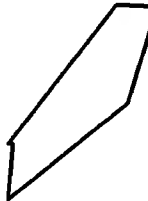
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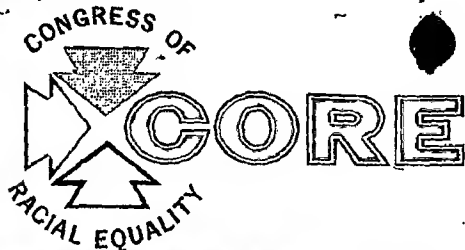
[redacted] is still incarcerated at the Mississippi State Penitentiary. [redacted] was released on bond 6/19/61 and Sheriff Gilfoy stated that [redacted] did not indicate he had been mistreated in any way.

It is noted that complainants [redacted] after being contacted by Bureau Agents did not furnish any information concerning the civil rights complaint until they had cleared the matter with CORE.

The local press at York, Pennsylvania, has reported that Jo Alto Daniels, Executive Committee, York Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and J. R. Fortune, President, York Branch, NAACP, will board a freedom train on 7/12/61 which will go from Philadelphia to Washington, D. C. It was stated that the train is part of the program of the fifty-second annual NAACP convention meeting in Philadelphia from 7/10/61 to 7/16/61 and that the freedom riders will visit their respective Congressmen to press for civil rights legislation.

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FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC, V.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have received a copy of the letter written by [redacted] to his wife on Sunday, June 4th. In this letter [redacted] says, "The FBI, of course, is working more against us than anything else - they were supposed to be protecting us from the mobs - but they gave all information on us (after checking it) to the Jackson police. They told [redacted] that the people in his cell had very bad records (court martials, etc.) and I guess you know the rest."

I have no way of evaluation this statement by [redacted] However, I do know [redacted] and it seems to me that he is a responsible person. I do hope that you will investigate this allegation. Thank you for your concern.

Sincerely yours,

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SUBJECT: "FREEBUS"
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CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY.
RACIAL MATTERS.

CC TO: HEW
REQ. REC'D 10-31-61
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BY: Bvg - SLS

Re previous Jacksonville tels concerning captioned matter.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum, dated as above, concerning the second section of the Professional Group of "Freedom Riders" while in the Jacksonville Division.

Enclosed herewith for interested offices is one copy of above described memorandum for information.

The source utilized in the enclosed memorandum is [redacted] of the Congress of Racial Equality, New York City. The identify of the source was concealed only in that instance where necessary.

This matter will be closely followed and the Bureau will be advised of the disposition of the cases pending at Ocala, Florida.

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"FREEDOM RIDERS"
(SECTION TWO, PROFESSIONAL GROUP)

A source who is in a position to furnish reliable information advised the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 11, 1961, that two groups of "Freedom Riders" would leave Washington, D. C., on June 13, 1961, via Greyhound Bus, making various stops in southern States to determine if bus terminal facilities were integrated. One group reportedly consisted of eighteen clergymen, while the other group, which subsequently separated into two sections, was made up of fourteen professional and union people.

This memorandum will deal only with the second section of the Professional Group to arrive in Jacksonville, Florida. Information concerning the first section of the Professional Group and the eighteen clergymen, referred to above, are the subjects of other memoranda.

This group entered the State of Florida from Georgia at 4:25 p. m. on June 15, 1961, via Greyhound Bus and arrived at the Jacksonville, Florida, Bus Terminal at 5:15 p. m. on that date.

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This group was met at the terminal by two members of the first section of the Professional Group and by [redacted] of the "Florida Star", weekly negro newspaper published in Jacksonville. FLA

The terminal facilities were tested on an integrated basis without incident and no unusual crowd was present at the terminal. However, [redacted] Member of the Florida Ku Klux Klan, was present as an observer. The arrival of this group at Jacksonville was covered by local press and Police Officers. FLA

At 5:50 p. m., this group left the terminal in three private automobiles for the purpose of spending the night in private homes in the Jacksonville area.

On the morning of June 16, 1961, the second section of the Professional Group consisting of three colored

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males, two white males, one colored female and one white female appeared in the Greyhound Bus Station, Jacksonville, at 8:25 a. m. The terminal facilities were again tested and no incidents occurred. These individuals were identified by [redacted] Reporter for the Florida Times Union Newspaper, Jacksonville, Florida, as follows:

[redacted] Ame Zion Church, APPROX. [redacted]
Albany, New York, (colored male);

6. APPROX. [redacted]
Columbia University, New York City, (white male); NY

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[redacted] New York City, (white male);

[redacted] United
Auto Workers, Ford Plant, Mahwah, New Jersey,
(colored male); 6. APPROX. [redacted]

[redacted] Welfare
and Pension Fund, [redacted] United Auto Workers,
New York City, (colored female);

[redacted]
United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO, Mahwah, New Jersey,
(colored male).

The group left Jacksonville by Greyhound Bus at 9:56 a. m., enroute to Tampa, Florida, with a rest stop at Ocala, Florida.

The group arrived at Ocala, Florida, at 12:23 p. m. on June 16, 1961, and entered the bus station waiting room. Five or six white males were in the waiting room, three of whom claimed the negro "Freedom Riders" stepped on their feet and bumped them as they entered the waiting room.

Arguments reportedly ensued and [redacted] Chief Criminal Deputy, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Ocala, immediately intervened. [redacted] told the group that he did not want to have any trouble and that they could not eat at the bus station restaurant and asked them to leave. The "Freedom Riders" reportedly refused to obey his order to leave and he placed three of them under arrest, charging them with failure to obey the lawful order of a Police Officer and attempting to incite a riot. The three arrested were

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identified as follows:

[redacted] age 27;
[redacted] age 35;
[redacted] age 31.

Deputy [redacted] advised that the three white males involved in the incident with the "Freedom Riders" were identified as

[redacted]
all of Ocala, Florida.

The Greyhound Bus departed from Ocala, Florida, at 1:07 p. m. on June 16, 1961, enroute to Tampa, Florida, with three members of this group aboard.

[redacted] who identified himself as a member of the "Freedom Riders" from New York City, contacted the Jacksonville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from Ocala, Florida, on the afternoon of June 16, 1961. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he had remained in Ocala as an observer following the arrest of three members of his group. He further advised that he intended to make bond for the three individuals arrested, following which all four of them would immediately leave Ocala for Tampa and St. Petersburg, Florida, by Greyhound Bus.

The three individuals arrested were subsequently released on June 16, 1961, after \$1,000.00 bonds were posted for each by [redacted]. The \$1,000.00 bond consisted of \$500.00 on each of the above-mentioned charges. These three individuals appeared before Judge Lewis O. Myers, Marion County, Florida, and pled not guilty on the foregoing charges. They are to appear for trial on June 21, 1961, at Ocala, Florida. They then departed from Ocala with [redacted] at 7:10 p. m. on June 16, 1961, enroute to Tampa and St. Petersburg, Florida.

The above information was discussed on a continuing basis with [redacted] Military Intelligence, (CIC), Jacksonville, Florida, and local authorities in the Cities through which the group passed.

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To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI

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Attached are two copies of a letter to the Director dated 6/19/61 from [redacted] the Congress of Racial Equality.

For your information [redacted] is a white freedom rider who was arrested in Jackson, Mississippi, on 6/2/61 when he attempted to test bus station facilities in that city. The [redacted] mentioned in [redacted] letter is [redacted] white, who was arrested on 6/2/61, as a freedom rider, for participating in similar activities. [redacted] obtained his release from jail and made statements to the press indicating he was disillusioned with the freedom rider movement and he mentioned in particular the unfavorable backgrounds and criminal records of some of the participants in this movement.

[redacted] should be promptly contacted by you or an ASAC of your office and his letter to the Director should be orally acknowledged. You should point out to him that he has been completely misinformed in this matter and that [redacted] was told nothing by the FBI. Advise him that the FBI furnishes and will continue to furnish criminal information to duly constituted law enforcement agencies who are entitled to such information.

Advise the Bureau when this has been done.

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: There is no information in Bufiles identifiable with [redacted] which would preclude a contact such as ordered in this airtel. The Congress of Racial Equality is a pacifist-type organization which has been for some time involved in the movement to abolish racial discrimination by nonviolent methods. It is playing a large part in the freedom rider movement. [redacted] letter can best be answered through personal contact. The New Orleans Office

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has advised that no FBI representative has talked to [redacted] No background or other information relative to [redacted] or other freedom riders has been or is being furnished to Jackson authorities. Information from our identification records, however, is made available to the Jackson Police when they send fingerprint cards of those arrested to the Identification Division. The police, of course, do conduct interviews with freedom riders arrested.

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Re Atlanta tel 6/20/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum and one copy for each of the offices receiving this letter. The memo sets forth details of a freedom ride leaving Atlanta 6/20/61 enroute to Montgomery, Ala. and Jackson, Miss.

Copies of this memorandum being disseminated locally to G-2, ONI and OSI.

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FREEDOM RIDES

[redacted] the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, advised on June 19, 1961, that a group of about eight freedom riders would be leaving Atlanta via Greyhound Bus at 12:40 PM on June 20, 1961, enroute to Montgomery, Alabama. They plan to test facilities in Montgomery, stay there overnight and leave Montgomery on a Trailways Bus at 11:30 AM, June 21, 1961, to Jackson, Mississippi.

On June 20, 1961, Bernard Lee, Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee, Atlanta, stated the freedom riders who boarded Greyhound Bus #M5356 and departed at 12:35 PM, June 20, 1961, due to arrive at Montgomery at 4:55 PM are as follows:

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[redacted] white female, [redacted] Waban 68,
Massachusetts; [redacted] white female, [redacted]
Brooklyn 25, New York; [redacted] Negro male, [redacted]
Chicago [redacted] Negro male, [redacted]
Petersburg, Virginia, [redacted] white female (daughter
of [redacted] Negro male,
[redacted] of Southern Christian Leadership Conference,
Atlanta, Georgia, [redacted] Negro female, [redacted]
[redacted] white male, [redacted]
Glencoe, Illinois; [redacted] Negro male; [redacted]
[redacted] (NAAC), Cleveland. *offro*

There was no attempt to use facilities at the Atlanta Greyhound Terminal and no violence occurred. However, there was some heckling by a group of six or eight unidentified white males.

Lt. [redacted] Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and Captain [redacted] Atlanta Police Department, were notified of the proposed freedom ride at 3:30 PM and 4:00 PM respectively on June 19, 1961. Lt. [redacted] of the 111th CIC Detachment, Fort McPherson, Georgia, was notified at 9:10 AM, June 20, 1961. The LaGrange, Georgia Police Department was notified at 1:00 PM, June 20, 1961, that the bus had a stop in that city.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-373)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-391)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS
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Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum
pertaining to captioned matter.Information set forth in enclosed memorandum
contributed by Detective [redacted] was furnished to SA [redacted]
[redacted] on 6/23/61.[redacted] NYC, who has furnished
reliable information in the past (conceal per request) is
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June 23, 1961

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Re: Freedom Ride, 1961

On June 23, 1961, Detective [redacted] Bureau of Special Services (BSS), New York City Police Department (NYCPD), advised that on June 22, 1961, an outdoor rally to support the "Freedom Riders" was held at 72nd Street and Broadway, New York City from 8:15 pm to 10:00 pm. This rally was addressed by Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth of Birmingham, Alabama, Orson Bean, comedian, Percy Sutton, President, New York Chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), James McDonald and Genevieve Hughes. The latter two individuals, who were representatives from the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), spoke of their participation as "Freedom Riders" on a "Freedom Ride" to the South in the recent past.

Detective [redacted] advised that according to a throwaway distributed at the above rally, the rally was sponsored by the following organizations:

West Side Committee to Support the Freedom Riders
Society for the Advancement of Judaism
Grace Methodist Church
New York Chapter, Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity
West Side Democratic Clubs
Physicians Forum -- New York Chapter
West Side Chapter, Americans for Democratic Action
West Side Chapter, American Jewish Congress
F. D. R. Four Freedoms Club

Detective [redacted] stated that the speakers at the rally pledged their support to future "Freedom Rides" and stated that they will continue.

Detective [redacted] stated that no incidents occurred during the above rally.

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THE PHYSICIANS' FORUM, INC.

Records in the Office of the Clerk of the New York State Supreme Court, Foley Square, New York, reflect that the Physicians' Forum, Inc. (PF) was issued a Certificate of Incorporation on April 27, 1944, under the laws of the State of New York, to operate as a non-profit, membership organization principally in the United States. The PF, under the name of the New York Physicians' Forum, had been in existence as an unincorporated association since about 1939.

A source, on September 13, 1954, furnished a folder of PF entitled, "What Is The Physicians' Forum?" which stated in part that to maintain freedom of thought and expression in medicine, the Forum opposes the imposition of "loyalty oaths" as a prerequisite for licensure, for hospital appointments or privileges, in medical schools, on hospital staffs and against patients; to re-establish the freedom of the medical press, the Forum urges medical society publications to open their volumes to diverse views on controversial subjects; and to provide a forum wherein socially liberal doctors may express their views in opposition to the policies of organized medicine.

The report of the Sub-Committee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and other Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, 82nd Congress, 1952, on "Subversive Influence in the Educational Process" on page 37 sets out the testimony of BELLA DODD, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party from 1944 to 1948. DODD testified that the PF was established primarily by the Communist Party and although not all members of the PF were Communists, the "initiative for organizing the PF came from the Communist Party, came from the ninth floor (35 East 12th Street, New York City), where the National Committee of the CP existed."

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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THE PHYSICIANS' FORUM, INC. (CONTINUED)

On May 11, 1960, the above source advised that the PF continues to be active in its program of supporting legislation which would provide medical care for the recipients of Social Security benefits; is active in its campaign seeking Social Security benefits for physicians; and is active in its campaign of alerting the medical profession to the problems of radiation hazards and its control.

The Physicians' Forum, Inc., is located at 510 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

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RACIAL MATTERS

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

ReBuairtel, 5/5/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning [redacted] of Bradford, Pa., who has reportedly joined the ranks of the "Freedom Riders."

One copy of said memorandum is being furnished to offices receiving copies of this airtel in view of the interest of these offices in this matter.

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CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY

The June 14, 1961, issue of the "Bradford Era," daily newspaper published at Bradford, Pennsylvania, contained an article captioned, "Rabbi Here Joins 'Freedom Riders' Going South," which set out that Rabbi Allan Levine of Temple Beth El had joined the ranks of the "Freedom Riders."

The article stated that Rabbi Levine was listed as one of a new group of "Freedom Riders" heading south by regularly scheduled bus to test racial segregation, and that his group had arrived at Raleigh, North Carolina, on Tuesday (June 13, 1961) without incident. According to the news item, Rabbi Levine's group was composed of eighteen men--four rabbis, eight white ministers, and six Negro ministers. They were met at the bus station in Raleigh upon their arrival from Washington, D. C., by television and newspaper photographers.

The article concluded that to that date there had been no incidents reported and that they were heading into the deeper south.

The Pittsburgh Office has received no previous information concerning [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 27, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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The four freedom riders who were arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, on 6/23/61 and nineteen of the twenty freedom riders who were arrested at Jackson on 6/25/61 were convicted of breach of the peace on 6/26/61. Each was sentenced to serve four months in jail and was fined \$200.

[REDACTED] Negro from Los Angeles who was arrested on 6/25/61, was released in view of his age. No charges were filed against him but it was stipulated that he would immediately return to his home in Los Angeles.

One hundred sixty-four freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson since 5/24/61. Fifty-two have been released on bond, four have been released upon the payment of fines and one has been released without charges being filed. One hundred seven remain in custody.

Included in the group of freedom riders who were arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, on 6/25/61 were [redacted]

all of whom gave Los Angeles addresses. [redacted] refused to state to the police whether they were members of the Communist Party (CP).

Information has been developed by the Los Angeles Office that one [redacted] a new member of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), recently left Los Angeles to participate in a freedom ride. [redacted] [redacted] are currently active members of the Los Angeles News and Letter Committee, a name used by the Forest Faction of the Johnson-Forest Group. The Johnson-Forest Group is a Marxist organization which has been cited by the Attorney General as subversive under the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

On 6/26/61 [redacted] Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Jackson, advised that there will be a meeting of various organizations promoting freedom rides which will be held in the Negro Masonic Temple, Jackson, Mississippi, at 2 PM (Central Standard Time), 6/27/61. The meeting will be attended by: [redacted] b6 b7C
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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

Miss.
Reverend Martin Luther King of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta: *GA*

[redacted] Field Service, CORE, New York City; *NY*

[redacted] Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee,

Atlanta: *GA*

[redacted] Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Nashville. *TN*

Bernard Lee, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, *GA* and Reverend Ralph Abernathy, Montgomery, Alabama, may also attend the meeting at Jackson. [redacted] said that the purpose of the meeting is to review the present policies relating to freedom rides and to shape new policy. [redacted] personally anticipates no major changes in freedom ride practices and indicated that the meeting will be chiefly concerned with achieving better coordination between the various groups.

Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington, D. C. Chapter, CORE, advised on 6/26/61 that no more freedom rides will originate at Washington, D. C., but freedom riders will now depart for the South from CORE headquarters in New York City.

Hobson stated that on 6/28/61 he will make available the final plans for the "march" in Washington, D. C., scheduled for 7/4/61.

ACTION:

A memorandum is being prepared for the Attorney General.

WJB *John* *CLM* [redacted] *B* [redacted]

Date: 6/27/61

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CONGRESS OFFICE RACIAL EQUALITY (CORE)
 Demonstrations Scheduled at Federal Buildings
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Re Bureau radiograms to all offices, 6/21 and 22/61.

Investigation to date indicates there is no branch
 of CORE in Cleveland area. All sources alerted and in the
 event any demonstrations, details will be immediately furnis-
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Mr. Mohr
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961
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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

Remytel 6/16/61 pertaining to petition for habeas corpus being filed on behalf of [redacted] con-
victed Freedom Rider. La. NY

On 6/21/61, [redacted]
U. S. District Court, Jackson, Miss., made available to SA [redacted]
[redacted] copies of the petition filed, the Notice to Show Cause Why Writ Should Not Be Issued, and Certificate of Service. Two (2) copies of each above are enclosed for information Bureau.

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2 copies each of NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE WHY WRIT SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED
& CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE.

RE: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

RM, CR

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
JACKSON DIVISION

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CIVIL # 140

In The Matter of the Application

of

Petition

ELIZABETH PORTER WYCKOFF

For a writ of habeas corpus

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DATE 09-28-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

To the Honorable, the United States District Court for the
Southern District of Mississippi:

The Petition of Elizabeth Porter Wyckoff respectfully shows:

1. That your petitioner is a citizen of the United States and
a resident of the City, County and States of New York.

2. That your petitioner is now imprisoned and restrained of
her liberty in Hinds County Jail, in the City of Jackson, County of
Hinds, State of Mississippi, in this District, in the custody of
J. R. Gilfoy, Sheriff of said County of Hinds. Hinds County Jail
is a jail of the County of Hinds, State of Mississippi under the
jurisdiction of the said Sheriff of the County of Hinds, State of
Mississippi.

3. That the cause or pretense of such imprisonment and re-
straint is not known to your petitioner. Your petitioner has been
informed, however, and verily believes that your petitioner is held
as a county prisoner under the exclusive jurisdiction or custody of
the said Sheriff of Hinds County, State of Mississippi, pursuant to
a judgment of the Municipal Court of the City of Jackson, County of
Hinds, State of Mississippi, wherein and whereby your petitioner was
convicted of violating Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code of 1942,
anno., as amended and sentenced and committed to imprisonment in
the said Hinds County Jail for a period of ~~four~~ ^{two} months/suspended ^{and} fined
\$200.00. A copy of the said judgment, marked Exhibit "A", is
attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference. Petitioner
is presently confined in the Hinds County Jail until she works off
her fine @ three dollars a day.

4. That the aforesaid judgment, sentence and commitment are void and without authority of law and the imprisonment of the petitioner is a denial of due process of law under the fifth and fourteenth admen&ments to the Constitution and also violative of the first and fifteenth admen&ments to the Constitution of the United States as hereinafter shown. The Court rendering and issuing such judgment, sentence and commitment was without jurisdiction so to do.

5. That your petitioner was charged and convicted of wilfully and unlawfully oongregating with others in and around the Continental Bus Terminal, 201 East Pascagoula Street, City of Jackson, County of Hinds, State of Mississippi on June 2, 1961, all with an intent to provoke a breach of the peace.

6. That the true cause of your petitioner's arrest and conviction was the fact that she accompanied members of the Negro race engaged with her in interstate bus travel, into a waiting room in the aforesaid Continental Bus Terminal marked and delineated for the sole use of members of the Caucasian race.

7. That your petitioner has been advised by her counsel and verily believes that, under the Constitution of the United States as defined and set forth by various decisions and rulings of the Supreme Court of the United States, as an interstate traveler, she had an inviolate and absolute right to enter the aforesaid waiting room in the company of other interstate passengers, Caucasian, Negro or otherwise, and thatt her arrest, conviction, sentence and commitment are unlawful, invalid, illegal, and violative of the Constitution of the United States.

8. That your petitioner has not exhausted her remedies available in the Courts of the State of Mississippi because, in view of the short duration of petitioner's commitment and her inability to furnish bail, any such remedies would be unavailing, moot and academic, since, as your petitioner has been advised by counsel, her term of imprisonment will, under any circumstances, antedate any such relief. Furthermore, your petitioner has been advised by counsel and verily believes that any resort to the

Courts of the State of Mississippi would be unsuccessful and that the expense involved in taking such steps would be more expensive than she can afford.

9. That no previous application has been made for the writ herein prayed.

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that a writ of habeas corpus, directed to J. R. Gilfoy, the Sheriff of the County of Hinds, State of Mississippi, by whom relator is detained, issue for the purpose of inquiring into the cause of imprisonment and restraint and of delivering her therefrom, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Elizabeth Porter Wyckoff
Petitioner

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

Elizabeth Porter Wyckoff, being duly sworn, deposes and says: that she is the petitioner above named. That she has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof. That the same is true to her own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief and as to those matters, she believes it to be true.

Elizabeth Porter Wyckoff

SWORN TO BEFORE ME

this 16th day of June, 1961

Notary Public

Let notice be given to defendant to
appear in Biler in Miss P.O. Bely and show
cause if any he can why the writ
should not issue - appear at 10 am
June - 21st 1961 -
This June 17th 1961
J.C. Mize
Judge

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

PAGE NO. 362

VS.

DOCKET NO. 18

ELIZABETH PORTER WYCKOFF

CHARGE: Violation of Section 2087.5
of Mississippi Code of 1942

JUDGMENT

This cause this day coming on for trial and the defendant being arraigned in court on a charge of violation of Section 2087.5 of the Mississippi Code, and having pleaded not guilty and the court having heard the testimony and being of the opinion that the defendant is guilty, it is therefore considered by the court and so ordered and adjudged that the defendant pay a fine of Two Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$200.00) and serve a jail term of two (2) months, the execution of this judgment as to said jail term being indefinitely stayed.

Ordered and adjudged this the 5th day of June, 1961.

/s/ James L. Spencer

Police Justice and Ex Officio Justice of the
Peace, Hinds County, Mississippi

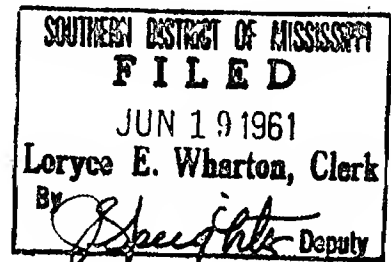
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I, James L. Spencer, Municipal Judge and Ex Officio Justice of the Peace, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing judgment is a true and correct copy of judgment rendered in the case of State of Mississippi vs. Elizabeth Porter Wyckoff, as same appears on page 362 of the Docket No. 18 of the records of my office.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 16th day of June, 1961.

James L. Spencer
Municipal Judge and Ex Officio Justice of the
Peace, Hinds County, Mississippi



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
JACKSON DIVISION

Civil # 3140

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ELIZABETH PORTER WYCKOFF

For a writ of habeas corpus

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NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE WHY WRIT SHOULD NOT ISSUE

Hon. J. R. Gilfoy, Sheriff of Hinds County, Mississippi
Hon. J. A. Travis, Jr., City of Jackson Prosecuting Attorney
Hon. Joe T. Patterson, Attorney General of the State of Mississippi

Please take notice that, in accordance with an order entered by United States District Judge S. C. Mize on June 17, 1961, the defendant herein is hereby notified to appear before said United States District Judge S. C. Mize in the United States District Court House at Biloxi, Mississippi, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, June 21, 1961, to show cause why the writ of habeas corpus as prayed for in the enclosed petition should not issue.

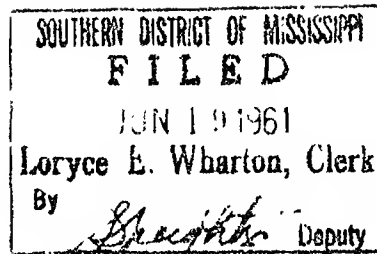
This 17th day of June, 1961.

Jack H. Young & William H. Kunstler,
Attorneys for Petitioner

By *[Signature]*
Of Counsel

Jack H. Young
115 1/2 North Parish Street
Jackson, Mississippi

William H. Kunstler
511 East 5th Avenue
New York City, New York



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
JACKSON DIVISION

CIVIL # 3140

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ELIZABETH PORTER WYCKOFF

For a writ of habeas corpus

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned Jack H. Young, attorney for the petitioner, do hereby certify that I have served this day copies of the petition for a writ of habeas corpus and the notice to the defendant to show cause why the writ should not issue on Hon. J. R. Gilfoxy, Sheriff of Hinds County, Mississippi, Hon. J. A. Travis, Jr., Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and Hon. Joe T. Patterson, Attorney General of the State of Mississippi.

Witness my signature on this 17th day of June, 1961.

[Signature]

Jack H. Young

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